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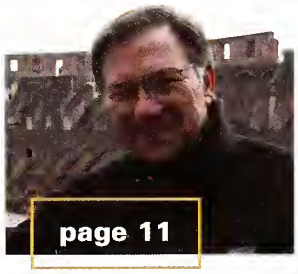

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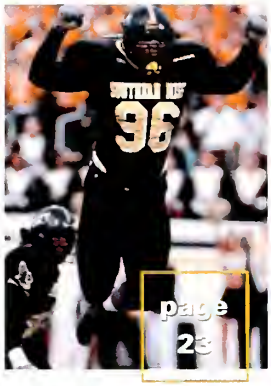

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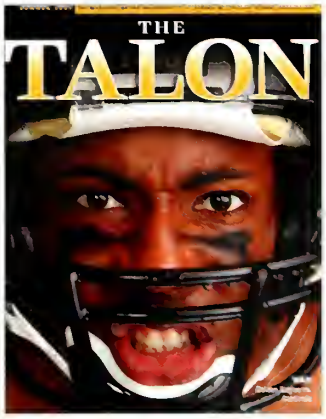

DEAR FRIEND,

Thank you for the opportunity these last four-and-a-half years to be a part of the Southern Miss family. And thank you for affording me the honor of serving as president of one of the finest universities in the world.

My time at Southern Miss has been filled with excitement about what we are accomplishing and satisfaction that the education we are providing our students is uncompromising in its quality and second-to-none.

To my colleagues on the faculty and staff: I want you to know how much I have appreciated your support and how proud I am of the dedication I have seen daily as we have gone about our work together.

To our students: You are the reason the rest of us are here. You challenge us daily to do our best by you in the education we seek to provide you, and we are gratified by your accomplishments.

To our alumni: You are the legacy of our University. Buildings, grounds, technology and all other physical manifestations of the University are merely those–physical things. It is *tradition* and *continuity* that make us who we really are.

To all those who believe in us and support us in spirit and support us so generously with your financial resources: You make the difference in achieving that margin of quality that distinguishes The University of Southern Mississippi as a preeminent institution of higher learning. We are grateful to you.

The last few weeks have been difficult as I faced my review by the Board of Trustees of our State Institutions of Higher Learning. I regret the burden that you had to bear as the wisdom of extending my contract as president was debated so openly in the media. It is up to the Board of Trustees to determine the kind of leadership we have at The University of Southern Mississippi, and they made their decision. I respect the outcome. In the end, I could not accept a one-year extension of my contract, because such an arrangement does not provide the opportunity to *lead*. It would only stall the tremendous momentum we have worked so hard to achieve.

During my tenure as president, I have tried to represent our University with dignity, with an understanding of the challenges we faced, with respect for all viewpoints on the issues, and with the conviction that I was doing what you would have me do as your president. I hope I did not let you down. You certainly never left my side.

For your many kindnesses in the good times and for your forbearance in times of challenge, I am in your debt. You allowed my family and me to become–as our friend John Polk describes it–"walk-on alumni." We will be Golden Eagles for life!

OUR TIME IS NOW! It is time for our students, faculty, staff, alumni and friends to come together as never before–and with a strength and determination unparalleled in our history–to achieve the vision set forth by our Commission on the Future in 1998 and reflected in the strategic planning we have done and action taken since that time.

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Construction, Other Projects Pass $150 Million Mark

■ The University of Southern Mississippi has been conducting and/or planning more than $150 million in construction and renovation projects this summer, including a new state-of-the-art residence hall facility that opened to students this month. The 383-bed, $14.2 million residence hall complex is composed of two four-story buildings that will form a u-shaped unit on the former site of the tennis courts on the northeastern side of campus.

Construction is expected to start in October on a new, $6 million building to house Southern Miss' College of International and Continuing Education (CICE), and long-range work will begin early next year on a planned $47 million student life center. The erection of a new, $7.5 million athletic training facility to replace the old Fairchild Fieldhouse is well under way, with completion expected in time for the 2002 football season.

Other construction and renovation projects include

- A $22 million music and art expansion of the Mannoni Performing Arts Center, now in a preplanning stage, is expected to start in early 2003 and finish by 2009.
- Completion of the $2.3 million addition to the DuBard School for Children with Language Disorders is expected this fall.
- Renovation and expansion of the Walker Science Building to include two lecture auditoriums and a greenhouse, at a cost of $5 million, should be completed this summer and ready for occupancy in the fall.
- Work on a $6 million addition to the Shelby Thames Polymer Science Research Center is slated to begin in October.
- Design work has begun on a $500,000 second addition to the 3-D Art Building on West 4th Street.
- Completion of a dressing room facility for the Pete Taylor Park baseball field is expected this month.
- The initial $250,000 phase of the new softball field should be finished by this fall.
- Work on a $250,000 exercise/fitness trail in the Payne Center area, which will eventually tie in with the Hattiesburg terminus of the Longleaf Pines Bicycle Trail, will start this fall.
- A planned $750,000 expansion of the Peck House property by the Institute for Learning in Retirement is expected to get under way this month and will take about a year to complete.
- A $14.5 million Advanced Education Center and new library construction project is under way on the Gulf Park campus at Long Beach and is targeted for completion in May 2002.
- A $3.1 million project to develop shrimp research and administrative facilities of the Gulf Coast Research Laboratory at its Cedar Point site is nearing completion, and a $500,000 improvements project at the Marine Education Center in Biloxi is also in progress.
- At Stennis Space Center, construction of a $3.5 million Hydrographic Science center and a $1 million Visualization Center are both expected to begin this fall.

— Phil Hearn

Fleming Rejects One-year Contract

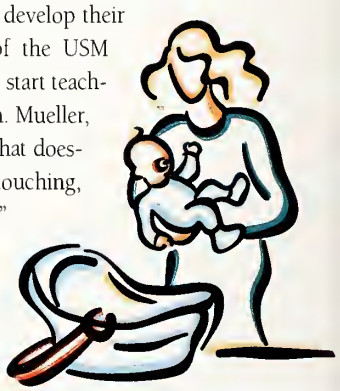
■ Southern Miss President Horace Fleming rejected a one-year contract renewal offer from the state College Board July 19, and will step down from the job he has held for the past four-and-a-half years.

The president told reporters following the action, "The board has not given me what I need to be effective, but I'm a Golden Eagle for life." Board member Virginia Shanteau Newton of Gulfport cast the only dissenting vote on the one-year contract offer, saying Fleming should get a four-year contract.

Editor's Note: More information about Dr. Fleming's decision will be included in the Fall 2001 Southern Miss Connections.

Reading Skills Begin at Birth, Speaker Says

Participants at the July 18-20 USM Reading Conference were told that children who are deprived of essential stimuli during the crucial first 24 months of life may never develop their full potential. Cheryl Mueller, director of the USM Child Development Center, said the time to start teaching a child to read is at the moment of birth. Mueller, one of 50 speakers at the conference, said that doesn't mean sitting down with a book, but touching, cuddling, talking baby talk or "parentese." She said such actions cause physiological changes in the brain necessary for cognitive skill development.



ELI Earns Accreditation

■ After a lengthy process, Southern Miss' English Language Institute has earned accreditation, making it one of only 13 programs nationwide to be reviewed and approved by the Commission on English Language Program Accreditation. The ELI program is the state's only nationally accredited intensive English language program.

"This is a fantastic achievement for USM and the ELI," said Dr. Tim Hudson, dean of the College of International and Continuing Education. "Accreditation is an acknowledgement of the quality of this aspect of our nationally ranked international education programs."

Professor Predicts State Will Weather Senate Control Shift

■ Dr. Joe Parker, state political observer and longtime professor of political science at Southern Miss, predicts the Democratic Party's control of the U.S. Senate may not have a serious adverse impact on Mississippi, but most certainly will weaken the administration of President Bush.

"For Mississippi, I don't know that it will make that much difference," Parker remarked. He said, however, it could greatly frustrate President Bush's initiatives on a variety of national issues, such as missile defense and establishment of a new energy policy.

"If not the worst nightmare for the White House, a Democratic majority in the Senate certainly must be a bad dream," he said.

While Vermont Sen. Jim Jeffords' recent switch from Republican to Independent status gave Democrats control of the Senate and cost Sen. Trent Lott, R-Miss., his job as majority leader, Parker predicted Lott will remain influential as minority leader despite the "step-down" in power.

He predicted the state's other U.S. senator, Republican Thad Cochran, will continue his influence as a senior member of the Senate Appropriations Committee, which plays a powerful role in channeling federal dollars to the respective states.

Parker also pointed out that the U.S. Department of Defense, headed by GOP-appointed officials, will continue to be responsible for federal dollars going to support military installations and ship building contracts—both vital to the Mississippi economy.

Still, he added, "The majority party in the Senate has a great advantage in scheduling, setting the agenda. It changes the chips on the balance scale in a significant way."

Sound the Trumpets

Symphony Starts Season, Severinsen Style

■ When 1,000 trumpeters converge upon Reed Green Coliseum October 9 to kick off The University of Southern Mississippi Symphony's 2001-2002 season, they will be getting a little help from internationally renowned trumpeter Doc Severinsen.

"When we asked Doc what he thought of the idea, he said, 'A thousand trumpets, huh? I can still probably play louder than them all,'" said Symphony Director Jay Dean. Severinsen, who is best known for his long-running gig with the "Johnny Carson Show," echoed Dean's thoughts. "When Jay said, 'Doc, I've got an idea. We're going to have a night of 1,000 trumpets,' I knew I wanted to get involved. A night of 1,000 trumpets—I can't picture it in my mind. No one has ever done anything like this," he said.

According to Dean, the idea of bringing together 1,000 trumpets came from previous thoughts of organizing a millennium-oriented program. "As far as I know, this will be the largest event of this type in history," he said. "We definitely should qualify for the 'Guinness Book of World Records.'" And gathering said 1,000 trumpet players has proven to be a feat in itself: Dean and his staff have pulled high school, college and professional talents from a 20-state region.

The October 9 performance will mark Severinsen's return visit to Southern Miss and to the schedule of symphony concerts sponsored by Trustmark Bank. He performed in Hattiesburg in 1969 and made a triumphant return to the Hub City in 1996, headlining with the USM Symphony for the first time.

Severinsen will also perform with the Southern Miss Symphony in Tupelo October 11 and on the campus of Mississippi State University October 12.

For tickets to the Hattiesburg concert, please call (601) 266-5418 or (800) 844-8425, or log onto www.tickets.usm.edu. For tickets to the Tupelo concert, please call (662) 841-6528. For the concert at Mississippi State University, please call (662) 325-4201, or log onto www.ticketweb.com.

— Bonnie Gibbs

College Report

Pollutant-Free Paint Debuts

■ Southern Miss alumni will soon have the chance to color their walls with an environmentally friendly paint developed by a Southern Miss research team. Dr. Shelby Thames, professor of polymer science, led a team of 35 in the development of a paint that greatly reduces the amount of toxic pollutants given off by water-based paint.

By developing a monomer, a chemical building block, from castor oil and building it into the chemical base of the paint, the Southern Miss research team removed the volatile organic compounds (VOCs), which pollute the air and give fresh paint an unpleasant odor. The paint industry has lacked the technology to reduce the number of VOCs found in paint, but this new technology reduces the amount of pollutants to as low as three grams per liter of paint.

Sen. Thad Cochran speaks at the unveiling of the pollutant-free paint developed by a Southern Miss research team.

Unveiled on Earth Day at the Pentagon, this new paint far exceeds the quality of the soy-based paints that have been on the market for the last decade. This non-toxic paint, which uses vegetable-based proteins, also received a Green Seal certification from the Green Seal Society.

At task presently is the manufacturing of more than 20,000 gallons of the paint to cover approximately one-fifth of the walls of the Pentagon. To manufacture and market the paint, Southern Diversified Products, a Jackson-based manufacturing company, was formed under an arrangement made possible by the Mississippi University Research Act, which allows university researchers to market products of their work. Southern Miss retains the patents on the monomer research and will receive royalties on those patents. To assist in the commercialization of the paint, the Polymer Science Institute recently received a $1 million grant from the newly established Mississippi Land, Water and Timber Resources Board.

— Charity Moseley Wallace

Former Warden, USM Prof Speaks about Capital Punishment

■ During the days leading up to the execution of Oklahoma City bomber Timothy McVeigh, former Mississippi state penitentiary warden and USM professor Don Cabana was asked by several national television programs to share his views on capital punishment. Cabana, an assistant professor of criminal justice and author of the 1996 book, "Death at Midnight: The Confession of an Executioner," appeared on CNN, MSNBC, ABC's "20/20" and "The Today Show."

Cabana served as a corrections officer at Parchman in the early 1970s and later returned as warden in 1984. "Death at Midnight" is based on his experiences at the Delta prison, where he personally walked two condemned prisoners, Edward Earl Johnson and Connie Ray Evans, to their deaths in the gas chamber.

Smithsonian Identifies Specimen after 24 Years

■ When a golf ball-sized sphere was unearthed near Lumberton, Miss., the late Dr. Dan Sundeen, then a professor on the USM geology faculty, boxed it up and sent it off to Washington, D.C., for an answer.

Twenty-four years later, that answer arrived.

"In our scientific opinion, this specimen is a bezoar, more commonly known as a mad ball," read a letter that accompanied the returned specimen. "They are formed in the intestinal tracts of ruminants, especially cattle, and are primarily made of hair ..."

There you have it. No interstellar egg or heretofore unheard of precious material. Just something old Bessie coughed up on the way back to the barn.

"It really is funny," said Dr. Gail Russell, chair of the Geology Department. "Dr. Sundeen would have gotten a real kick out of it." Sundeen, a USM faculty member for 27 years, died in 1999.

According to Raymond Rye, a specialist for the National Museum of Natural History, the bezoar was a tough nut to crack, so to speak. An analysis of some fibrous material taken from the specimen yielded no answers, nor did a chemical analysis. After that, it was relegated to an area in the museum for works in progress. It was shown to various authorities from time to time.

"It really baffled us, until we got another one somewhat like it and showed that one around in our Department of Vertebrate Zoology," Rye said. "Of course, they knew what it was."

While the golf ball-sized specimen was large by contemporary bezoar standards, Rye said the museum has some in its collection that are as big as a football.

The bezoar will be displayed with the rest of the geology department's collection.

— Jack Mitchell

NEH Grant Reviewers Laud de Grummond Collection

■ The de Grummond Children's Literature Collection received favorable comments from a team of National Endowment of the Humanities grant reviewers. One reviewer called the collection, "America's special collection room in children's literature." Another said, "It is particularly strong (and possibly without equal). It is a possession of original art and authors' manuscripts."

The positive reviews go hand in hand with a $230,000 grant the collection received from NEH. According to curator Dee Jones, the money will fund the employment of three full-time staff members who will arrange and describe holdings that increase on a daily basis.

Jones explained that in calendar year 2000 alone, the collection received $711,000 worth of materials. The NEH and matching University funds will allow for the organization and storage of 458 cubic feet of materials. "The grant will enable us to make important materials accessible to researchers-on-site and on the Internet," she said, adding that the highlight of the collection is the papers of H.A. and Margret Rey, authors and illustrators of the "Curious George" series.

University Names Two New Deans

■ Two new deans took the helm of their respective colleges in July, replacing administrators who are leaving for jobs in other states. Dr. Mary Ann Stringer, an associate professor of music and accomplished concert pianist, will succeed Dr. Peter Alexander as dean of the College of the Arts. Dr. Robert Lochead, a highly respected polymer scientist, will replace Dr. Steve Doblin as dean of the College of Science and Technology.

University Provost Dr. Anselm Griffin said both posts will be filled on an interim basis, pending national searches that will be delayed until fall 2002.

Public Health Masters Program Receives Five-Year Reaccreditation

■ The Council on Education for Public Health recently accredited the master of public health degree program for five years with an option to obtain an additional two years by increasing faculty resources. It is the longest reaccreditation term in the program's history; three years was the longest term for which the program had been accredited previously.

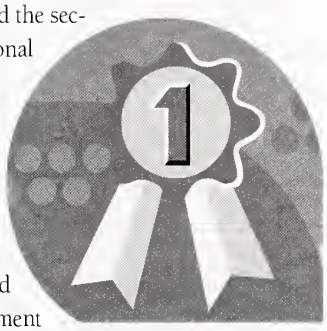
"It's incredible," said Dr. Joan Exline, director of the USM Center for Community Health, through which the program is offered. "This is possible because we have a strong faculty that worked hard together in a dedicated way to achieve it."

The MPH program is the only accredited public health master's program in the state.

Advancement Staff Wins Awards

■ The USM advancement staff recently took home 18 awards in an annual competition sponsored by the College Public Relations Association of Mississippi (CPRAM).

The Alumni Association won a first place award for a Single Piece of Artwork, with individual recognition going to Natalie Wilkinson of the USM Printing Center. *The Talon* nabbed the second place award in the Institutional Magazine division.



University Relations/News Services staff nabbed eight awards, including first place among College and University Tabloid Publication for *Update*, Southern Miss' faculty-staff newspaper. The staff also won second place in the Admissions and Recruitment Piece, Public Relations Innovation, Television Spots and Radio Programs categories.

USM Gulf Coast staff took four awards, two of them first place honors, for the Public Relations Innovation and Creative Partners categories.

Sharon Wertz of the USM Foundation was awarded two second place honors, one for the article, "USM Scholarship Honors Educator Killed In Crash," and the other for the Foundation's annual report.

The College of Marine Sciences also captured two awards. Linda Skupien won third place in the Film/Slide/Video Presentation category for "Point Cadet: Gateway to the Gulf," and Alan Criss and Skupien won third place in the Web page category for www.cms.usm.edu.

Grant Provides Free Music Lessons for Children

■ Thanks to the hard work of many different USM faculty and staff members and a $25,000 grant from the Coca-Cola Foundation, 41 selected students took free private music lessons this summer. The Community Arts School, a community-based organization affiliated with USM's College of the Arts, offered the lessons to students between the ages of seven and 14 in a variety of instruments, including French horn, guitar, cello, piano and trumpet.

The new scholarship program, dubbed "The Coca-Cola Summer Institute of the Arts," relied on the help of local elementary, middle school and home school instructors to nominate deserving, financially limited students.

"The grant will allow us to do something really significant for young, local students," said Kaye Chambless, director of the Community Arts School. "The money will be used to provide students who otherwise wouldn't be able to participate with a scholarship for private music lessons. Each student will receive 12 lessons—two 45-minute private music lessons each week—during the semester."

She continued, "For those students who don't have access to an instrument, which can be quite costly, one will be provided for their use through the College of the Arts."

Recent Graduates Mark Firsts For USMGC

■ USMGC graduated two "firsts" in May—its first interdisciplinary studies major and its first doctoral student in coastal sciences.

The University's first interdisciplinary studies major, Franchelle Daniels, 30, focused on psychology and criminal justice in earning her bachelor's degree. She will begin work as assistant to the victim's assistance coordinator for the Harrison County District Attorney's Office in Biloxi, where she will work with crime victims.

Andy Soto's march across the stage this May marked a milestone for his family and for the USM Department of Coastal Sciences. The Edroy, Texas, native was the first doctor of philosophy in his family, as well as the first student to receive the doctorate in coastal sciences since the academic department was established three years ago.

Grant Helps Disabled Fishermen

■ Before an automobile accident that left him a quadriplegic five years ago, Bruce Yeager loved to fish. Now, thanks in large part to USMGC's Toy Library and Technology Center, he can continue to enjoy his hobby.

The center, which loans adapted recreational equipment to disabled people on the Gulf Coast, has given Yeager something he lost from the accident—the chance to cast and reel in his own line. An electric reel and a spring-loaded fishing pole, part of the center's Reels on Wheels program, have taken him back to his old fishing days.

"I have caught more fish with the special reel provided by Reels on Wheels than I ever had trying to fish with other conventional reels," said Yeager, who has limited use of his arms. "Before, I didn't have the capability of reeling in the fish alone, so others had to help me. But now I can reel in the fish independently."

Reels on Wheels is funded by a $30,328 grant from the Mississippi Department of Rehabilitation Services' Spinal Chord Injuries and Traumatic Brain Injuries Trust Fund Program. The program provides saltwater and freshwater fishing systems, as well as special all-terrain wheelchairs, through the Toy Library and Technology Center and four other locations along the Gulf Coast.

With the specially designed equipment, even deep-sea fishing is possible. A Biloxi-based charter fishing service, Strictly Business Fishing Charter Service, works with the Reels on Wheels program to provide charter service for disabled fishermen.

According to Catherine Keith, program coordinator for the Toy Library and Technology Center, part of the grant also funded fishing lessons for children with disabilities. The lessons were offered on alternate Saturdays this summer at the J.L. Scott Marine Center in Biloxi.

USMGC Starts Psi Chi Chapter

■ The University of Southern Mississippi Gulf Coast recently chartered the Gulf Coast chapter of the Psi Chi National Honor Society in psychology. Thirty-seven USMGC psychology students were inducted as charter members, and three USMGC faculty were named charter advisory members.

For USMGC, the chapter is the first national honor society chapter to be awarded.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

All events are subject to change and should be confirmed. Any questions regarding these events can be directed to Chris Moore, coordinator of chapter services, at christopher.moore@usm.edu, or call (601) 266-5013.

AUGUST

31 Hattiesburg
James Ray Carpenter / Oklahoma State Golf Challenge (Eagle Club)
Timberton Golf Club / 1 p.m.

31 Southern Miss Campus
Friday Night at the Fountain Pep Rally
Aubrey K. Lucas Administration Building / 7:30 p.m.

SEPTEMBER

1 Southern Miss Campus
Southern Miss vs. Oklahoma State
The Rock / 11 a.m.

15 Birmingham, Ala.
Southern Miss at Alabama
Legion Field / 4:45 p.m.
Alumni tailgating at East Side Pavilion on Legion Field grounds, starting 2½ hours before game time.
Alumni and friends welcome.

22 Lafayette, La.
Southern Miss at University of Louisiana-Lafayette
Cajun Field / 7 p.m.
Alumni tailgating at tent on west side of stadium (off Bertrand Dr.) starting 2½ hours before game time.
Alumni and friends welcome.

25 Southern Miss Campus
Career Fair
Career Planning and Placement Office
Payne Center/10 a.m.

28 Southern Miss Campus
Friday Night at the Fountain Pep Rally
Aubrey K. Lucas Administration Building / 7:30 p.m.

29 Hattiesburg / Southern Miss Campus
Southern Miss vs. UAB
Fall Festival / Band Day / Legislative Appreciation Weekend
The Rock / Kickoff 6 p.m.

OCTOBER

5 USM vs. Memphis Friday night
Alumni "pep rally" at Sam's Town Casino (Tunica) starting at 6 p.m. Alumni and friends welcome.

6 Memphis, Tenn.
Southern Miss at Memphis
Liberty Bowl Stadium / 7 p.m.

7 Los Angeles
Alumni Picnic in Griffith Park
Crystal Springs picnic area of Griffith Park / 1 p.m.

9 Southern Miss Campus
"Night of a Thousand Trumpets" with Doc Severinsen
Reed Green Coliseum / 8 p.m.

13 Hattiesburg
Hub Fest
Downtown Hattiesburg

16 Louisville, Ky.
Southern Miss at Louisville
Papa John's Stadium / 7 p.m.

26 Hattiesburg
Shell Finish Line Scholarship Golf Tournament
Canebrake Country Club / 8 a.m. & 1 p.m.

26 Hattiesburg
Alumni Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony and Banquet
Hattiesburg Country Club / 6:30 p.m.

26 Southern Miss Campus
Friday Night at the Fountain Pep Rally
Aubrey K. Lucas Administration Building / 7:30 p.m.

27 Hattiesburg
Alumni Business Brunch and Awards Ceremony
University Commons/9 a.m.

27 Hattiesburg / Southern Miss Campus
SOUTHERN MISS HOMECOMING 2001
Various events and reunions
Southern Miss vs. Houston
The Rock / Kickoff 2 p.m.

NOVEMBER

2 USM vs. Penn State Friday Night
Alumni "pep rally" at Harrisburg, Penn starting at 6 p.m.
Alumni and friends welcome.

3 State College, Pa.
Southern Miss at Penn State
Beaver Stadium / 12 p.m.

9 Jackson, Miss.
Southern Miss Night at the Jackson Bandits

16 Southern Miss Campus
Friday Night at the Fountain Pep Rally
Aubrey K. Lucas Administration Building / 7:30 p.m.

17 Southern Miss Campus
Southern Miss vs. Tulane
FCA Day / City, County and ADP Day
The Rock / Kickoff 2 p.m.

Southern Miss *Trivia Quiz*

1. HOW AND WHEN DID BLACK AND GOLD BECOME THE OFFICIAL COLORS OF SOUTHERN MISS?
2. BASKETBALL STARTED AT MISSISSIPPI NORMAL COLLEGE ON AN OUTDOOR COURT BEHIND FORREST COUNTY HALL. WHO WERE SOME OF THE POWERS WE PLAYED DURING THOSE EARLY DAYS?
3. WHICH FORMER PRESIDENT WAS A CHAMPION OF MISSISISIPPI SOUTHERN COLLEGE ATTAINING UNIVERSITY STATUS, SAYING THAT BECOMING A UNIVERSITY WAS "INEVITABLE" FOR MSC?
4. WHO WAS SOUTHERN MISS' FIRST NFL DRAFTEE?
5. WHY WAS THE 1970 GRADUATION OF WALTER WASHINGTON SIGNIFICANT?

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When in Rome

BY ED LANGTON

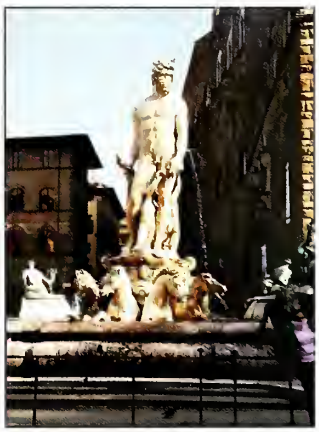
My wife, Lynda, and I have never cared for organized tour groups. We love adventure travel and usually like to plan much of our own itinerary, giving us the freedom to see what we choose at a delightful pace. Bob Pierce, the Alumni Association's executive director, encouraged me to try a trip with Alumni Holidays International (AHI), the association's travel tour company. When I heard that we would see the Coliseum, the Forum, St. Peter's Basilica, the Vatican, the Sistine Chapel, and Italian cities such as Florence, Pompeii, Naples and Sorrento all in one week, we prepared ourselves for what we thought would be a frantically paced trip. Instead, we were pleasantly surprised to experience one of our most memorable and delightful trips, one that won't be forgotten.

Lynda and I are now fans of AHI tours. The company's attention to detail is, we believe, unsurpassed. For example, upon arriving in Atlanta, we were greeted by an AHI representative, Joe Sanders. He ensured that our luggage was properly transferred, and then he escorted us to our connecting flight, where he introduced us to others accompanying us to Rome. This first experience of Southern hospitality was only a taste of what was in store for the remainder of the trip. At every juncture, one or more AHI representatives were present to ensure that everything was to our satisfaction. No language barriers, no financial difficulties, no logistical problems–no problems.

When we arrived in Pompeii, we were greeted by Vito, the same personal guide who assisted former president Bill Clinton when he was there for a political conference. AHI arranged for our group to have lunch in a special dinning room in the ruins of Pompeii, where only high-level dignitaries have the privilege to dine. Vito showed us pictures he took with President Clinton; they were in the same dining room where we sat. In Florence, we walked the same streets and stood on the same spots where the movie "Hannibal" was filmed. In fact, Anthony Hopkins was a guest at our hotel, and he had his premiere gala party while we were there.

As the Alumni Association's new president-elect, I want to encourage other alumni to join Lynda and I on trips we have planned for next year. After having given AHI the "litmus test," we are confident that those who choose to accompany us will have the same delightful experience we have had. And the trips are a superb bargain. The cost of this Rome Escapade was $1,695 per person, not including the cost of any additional excursions you may choose. Believe me, it's a real value.

Plan your calendars now for next year's trips. We're planning a Swiss Escapade to Switzerland, January 27 through February 3, 2002. You can ski or shop at one of the most beautiful and scenic places on the face of the earth.



There is a Campus Abroad trip to Sorrento, Italy, June 17 through the June 25, 2002. You will receive a real education in the history and customs of Italy in a relaxing seaside atmosphere. The year will be concluded with our last trip, "Legends of the Nile," scheduled for October 17 through October 27, 2002. This once-in-a-lifetime experience will take place aboard an intimate and luxurious cruise ship that will tour the Nile, providing us an opportunity to dock and walk the Pyramids of Egypt.

For more information about upcoming AHI trips, please see page 43.

A SALUTE TO DR. MAC

BY YVONNE ARNOLD
University Archives

Dr. Richard Aubrey McLemore holds the distinction of being The University of Southern Mississippi's only official acting president, serving in that capacity from January 1 to August 17, 1955. But, just who was this man who was known to his students as "Dr. Mac"?

For starters, Dr. Mac (hereinafter referred to as "Our Hero") was a man who made an impact on his native state. He witnessed a great deal of Mississippi's history during his lifetime and was at the center of some of it.

Our Hero was born on June 6, 1903, in the (then) thriving sawmill town of Wingate, Miss., located one mile east of New Augusta. His parents were Hezekiah and Tabitha Small McLemore, and his only sibling was a younger brother. The family moved to Petal in 1908, and both his parents secured teaching positions in nearby Green's Creek School. It was there that Our Hero's early education was accomplished. He graduated from Hattiesburg High School in 1919, received a bachelor's degree from Mississippi College in 1923, earned a Master of Arts from George Peabody College in 1926, and completed his Ph.D. at Vanderbilt University in 1933.

Our Hero began his teaching career in Tallahatchie County in 1923. The following year, he was hired as superintendent of the Sandersville School in Jones County. While at Sandersville, he was instrumental in formulating a program called "Super Consolidation," whereby high school students were transported from their communities to a centrally located school. In 1926, he accepted a position at Jones County Agricultural

(TOP LEFT) DR. RICHARD A. MCLEMORE, "ACTING PRESIDENT" (CA. 1955)

(BOTTOM LEFT) MCLEMORE HALL (CA. 1962)

(LEFT) DR. AND MRS. R.A. MCLEMORE (CA. 1960)

(BELOW) "TRIO OF PRESIDENTS," LEFT TO RIGHT, DR. R.C. COOK (1945-1955), DR. W.D. MCCAIN (1955-1975), DR. R.A. MCLEMORE (JANUARY 1 - AUGUST 17, 1955)

High School in Ellisville, where he assisted in re-organizing the institution as Jones County Junior College (JCJC). He taught history at the new junior college, and in 1927, he became its dean. Also in 1927, Our Hero married Miss Nannie Pitts, an instructor at JCJC, and the couple had one son, Harry Kimbrell McLemore, who currently resides in Ocean Springs.

In 1934, Our Hero accepted a position as history professor and dean at Judson College, a private school in Alabama. In 1938, he returned to Mississippi as head of the Social Science Department at State Teachers College (now USM). In 1940, the school's name was changed to Mississippi Southern College (MSC), and soon thereafter, Our Hero was named dean of students. President R. C. Cook named him dean of the College in 1945, and he served in that position until 1957, when he accepted the presidency of Mississippi College. He retired from Mississippi College in 1968, and on August 1, 1969, he became director of the Mississippi Department of Archives and History, serving in that capacity until 1973.

Our Hero wrote, or edited, a number of books. Among them are "The Mississippi Story" (co-authored with his wife, Nannie Pitts McLemore), "A History of Mississippi Baptists 1780-1970," and the two-volume "A History of Mississippi." In addition, he wrote numerous articles for periodicals, most notably *The Journal of Mississippi History*. He was active in several civic organizations, was a deacon in the Baptist Church, and in 1969, he was named Clinton's "Man of the Year."

Our Hero died on August 31, 1976, and is interred in Highland Cemetery in Hattiesburg. Richard Aubrey McLemore Hall on the USM campus is named in his honor.

When asked how he managed to deal with the myriad personalities of students, Our Hero replied, "It's a matter of deciding whether they need a pat on the head, need to borrow five dollars, or need a swift kick in the pants." Those who knew Our Hero would readily pronounce him guilty of counts one and two, but rest assured that he never gave anyone a "kick in the pants."

The foregoing are the biographical facts, but how did colleagues and students view Our Hero? Here's a sampling:

• In a 1928 letter of recommendation, Superintendent of Jones County Junior College M.P. Bush described Our Hero as "one of the best men I have ever had."

• Dr. R. C. Cook said, "One of the best things I did in the early days, I think, was to select Dr. R.A. McLemore as dean of the College. ... He was always a stalwart in the development of Mississippi Southern, and more especially in the development of the faculty and the academic program."

• A male student at Mississippi Southern College said, "There's nothing dry about history when Dr. Mac gets into it. Why, I almost felt that I was seeing the Battle of Vicksburg." (There was usually a waiting list to get into Dr. Mac's Mississippi History class.)

• Percy D. East, in an article about Our Hero, referred to him as "a tall, kindly, bespectacled man who possesses all the necessary qualities–and plus–that make a good dean."

• A female student at MSC said, "I like to see Dr. Mac coming. He always has a nice smile and a pleasant word for everyone. He's never too busy to take up time with a student."

• A female student at Mississippi College had this to say: "Hardly ever is there found a college president who displays his interest in the students so enthusiastically as does Dr. Mac."

Who was Dr. Mac? He was an author, educator, innovator and historian, but more than that, he was one of the "Good Guys." He was no more perfect than the rest of humankind, but a Good Guy, nonetheless. So, here's to you, Dr. Mac. The world could use more people like you.

Black Tie Dinner Features Comprehensive Campaign Kickoff

Highlighted by the kickoff of the $100 million Campaign for Southern Miss, the Foundation's 14th annual Black Tie Dinner drew some 450 Honor Club members and guests to Hattiesburg's Lake Terrace Convention Center April 20.

A gourmet dinner, music by The Classics, yellow roses, and hundreds of black and gold banners proclaiming "Our Time Is NOW!" set the tone for the evening.

(LEFT) "OUR TIME IS NOW!" BANNERS LINE THE BALCONY OVERLOOKING THE RECEPTION AREA WHERE BLACK TIE DINNER GUESTS ENJOY HORS D'OEUVRES AND OTHER REFRESHMENTS.

(ABOVE) ASTRID GUITIERREZ-ZEPEDA, RECIPIENT OF THE HONDURAS MEDICAL SCHOLARSHIP, TELLS HONOR CLUB MEMBERS AND GUESTS HOW HER SCHOLARSHIP IS HELPING HER REALIZE HER DREAM OF BECOMING A DOCTOR. SHE PLANS TO HELP MILLIONS OF HER COUNTRYMEN WHO HAVE LITTLE OR NO ACCESS TO ADEQUATE MEDICAL CARE.

New Honor Club Members Since Last Issue

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Peggy H. Speed, Hattiesburg, Miss.

*2 Second Membership

Harley and Janet Sims' $50,000 Gift Will Help Students Study Abroad

Janet Sims and her late husband, Harley, had lots of things in common, but it was their joint passion for travel and for Southern Miss that recently inspired a gift to the University.

The $50,000 gift for the Harley and Janet T. Sims International Studies Scholarship will be used to help deserving students participate in various study abroad programs.

"Our scholarship came about from Harley's will," Janet said. "However, I determined to what area of the University the gift should apply. I thought that establishing a scholarship to help students travel and study abroad would be pleasing to him. Harley and I enjoyed our travels abroad and felt enriched by our experiences. It's nice to know that we are helping students have similar enriching experiences."

The recent gift is only one of many ties between the families of Janet and Harley Sims and Southern Miss.

"I was born in Pascagoula," said Janet. "I attended high school there and then came to USM. I graduated from Southern Miss with a Bachelor of Arts degree in English and geography. While at Southern Miss as an undergraduate, I was in the marching band and concert band, playing the flute for all three years that I was here. I graduated early, in three years."

After graduation, Janet worked for American Airlines and then returned to Southern Miss for a master's degree in English, with a minor in geology. She later married Harley and taught as an instructor in the English Department at USM. Harley was president of L & A Contracting Company and Southeastern Concrete.

"Harley and his brother Ray established a presidential scholarship in honor of their mother and father, O.L. and Marie B. Sims," said Janet. "And my mother, Thelma Davis Terreson, got her teaching certificate from Mississippi Normal College (now USM), so both of our families have been involved with Southern for a long time."

Joslyn Tinker

CARMICHAEL BRITISH STUDIES SCHOLARS: Five students have been awarded Dr. Ben Carmichael British Studies scholarships for study in the United Kingdom during summer 2001. Pictured from left are Dr. Ken Panton, British Studies program director; Jessica Neno of Mobile; Jason Wilson of Mobile; Jane Griffin of Hattiesburg; Joslyn Tinker of Soldotna, Alaska; and Carmichael. Not pictured is Jill Musgrove of Hattiesburg. Each year, the USM Foundation awards such scholarships in the name of the president that year.

ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE GRANTS: Six Southern Miss faculty members have been named recipients of 2001 USM Foundation Academic Excellence grants totaling $13,000. Pictured with Southern Miss Provost Anselm Griffin, far right, and USM Foundation President Ben Carmichael, far left, are, from right, Andrew Sutherland, assistant professor, theatre and dance; Shellie Nielsen, assistant professor, theatre and dance; Margaret Barnett, professor, history; Temple Fay, professor, mathematics; and David R. Davies, associate professor and chair, journalism. Not pictured is Lawrence Gwozdz, professor, music.

GEORGIE AND PAUL MCMULLAN

McMullans' Newest Gift Brings Total Giving to $100,000

A recent gift to Southern Miss from longtime Hattiesburg residents Georgie and Paul McMullan has brought their total gifts to $100,000. Their latest gift will be used to fund scholarships for USM students who study abroad.

The McMullans have supported Southern Miss for the past 35 years by donating scholarships, attending events and by taking leadership roles in fund-raising efforts.

Born in Lake, Miss., Paul graduated from the University of Mississippi and completed graduate school in banking at LSU.

During his banking career, he was a member of the Federal Reserve Board of New Orleans and served as president of the Mississippi Bankers Association. Currently, he is chairman of the board of Forrest General Hospital.

Georgie was born in Magee and graduated from Belhaven College. Through the years, she has served on several civic boards and is currently a member of the Gifted Studies board of directors. The McMullans are members of First Presbyterian Church.

Making Tracks...

AN INSIDE LOOK AT WHAT'S HAPPENING WITH ADMISSIONS

No long discussions, no preaching to the choir, no pleas for help–just simple straightforward questions with simple straightforward answers.

BY MATHEW A. COX
Director of Recruitment Operations

Q: When we talk about recruiting and recruiters, what specifically are we talking about?

A: Our recruiters (or admissions counselors) are our seven full-time staff members who actively travel to college and career fairs at high schools and community colleges in Mississippi, Alabama, Louisiana, Florida and Tennessee. Recruiting is, quite simply, "what we do," either at career fairs held from early September through early March, or on campus as we welcome hundreds of prospective students and parents to Southern Miss every month of the year.

Q: What is the difference between how students are recruited at their high schools or in their hometowns, and how they are recruited when they visit the Southern Miss campus?

A: We view this as a sort of progression; it's not usually one method or the other. We find that typically we have only a brief opportunity to "strike a chord" with someone at a college fair. Our philosophy is to give a prospect enough good "quick-hitting" information during a brief encounter to pique their interest. We give students and parents a taste, hoping they'll turn around and visit our campus to get the full-course meal. Once we get them on campus, they meet with an admissions counselor in our office for about an hour to cover everything from admission requirements to housing, academic programs to student organizations, scholarships and costs to athletics. You name it, we cover it. We get students and parents out on guided campus tours, show off facilities, and meet with faculty in academic programs of their choice. We even make sure they have lunch if they're here at that time.

The road is a bit different. We'll visit about 600 high schools and community colleges each year, just trying to increase the interest.

Q: When and how do alumni fit into this recruiter/recruitment process?

A: Simple. Alumni fit into this process everyday, everywhere. What a lot of our alumni don't yet realize is that they don't have to attend a college fair for us or fund scholarships (although both are nice). It is as easy as requesting a few recruitment brochures from me to keep in your car glove box to give a student's parent after church. It's as fun as loading up a few of the neighbor's kids and bringing them to a Golden Eagle football game. Or call or e-mail me with a name and address of a prospective student you know. You don't have to know the first statistic, new building or degree program, only that you support USM and want someone else to experience what you did. You've now recruited.

Q: In addition to physical travel and on-campus visits, what supports those recruitment efforts?

A: We have developed, over time, a fairly sophisticated database and mailing system. The bottom line is this: If we have entered someone's name and information into our database, they will receive everything they need throughout the years leading up to their USM start date. In fact, in addition to general mail outs on a timed basis, the more a student responds to various mail outs we do, the more mail outs he or she will get in return. We spend about $10,000 every month on postage alone. In addition, we run eight major phone calling campaigns every year using student recruiters, not to mention the hundreds made by admissions counselors each month.

Q: What areas in Mississippi or the Southeast are most important to our recruitment efforts?

A: I wish this were an easier question to answer because the fact is that we can never be everywhere we'd like to be. To a certain extent, it boils down to a cost/benefit issue. We constantly assess where we get the most quality students from and where we can improve. Not surprisingly, our largest draw is from south Mississippi. If you can envision a line from Vicksburg through Jackson over to Meridian, south of that line is our primary territory. The vast majority of our "top 50" feeder high schools are in this area. I have recommitted our recruiting staff to assuring that we are NEVER outworked in this region.

In north Mississippi, we recruit various pockets that have either historically been positive for us or that have potential. Out of state, our most productive areas are Slidell/New Orleans, La., Mobile, Ala., the Florida panhandle, and parts of Memphis, Tenn., and Birmingham, Ala. My theory is that we will give 120 percent of our efforts in specified territories, rather then giving a 75 percent effort across a broad range of areas. In this day of ever-more competitive recruitment, combined with limited resources with which to work, this theory is the only avenue to being truly successful.

Q: Where do scholarships fall into the overall recruitment strategy?

A: They are important. Need I say more? We are still significantly outspent by several of our sister institutions. The last figure I saw was about 3 to 1, but that was several years ago, and scholarship funding at other institutions has only gotten larger since that time. The capital campaign will help the situation, as a significant portion of the overall $100 million will go to merit scholarships. We're excited about that. We are very fortunate that Southern Miss is an "easy sell." People recognize the many benefits in attending this institution, so much so that some students accept smaller scholarships to attend USM if they can afford to do so. We don't attract students simply by "buying" them, but attracting the best of the best does require a university to make a commitment to that student.

Q: What is the prognosis for the 2001-02 entering class?

A: We look good. The last several months have shown the increase in new student acceptances that we'd hoped for all year. We've still got some work to do, but I believe we will achieve level overall enrollment, with an increase in new traditional freshmen, a group we've really worked on the last few years. Southern Miss is a great place, and people know it. I think this will be reflected in our fall class quality and quantity.

As always, I welcome your comments and suggestions at (601) 266-5000 or by e-mail at mathew.cox@usm.edu.

SHARON O'FARRELL

'Never Tell Me Never'

On March 27, 1987, at 10:30 p.m., a drunk driver changed the course of pre-med student Sharon O'Farrell's life. "I remember the time because my watch is the last thing I saw clearly before the car hit me head on," said O'Farrell, who, 14 years later, received a master's degree in history from Southern Miss.

After the accident, O'Farrell was comatose for five months, then spent a year in the Veteran's Hospital in Biloxi relearning to walk and talk. The injuries to her body and brain were so extensive that she was told she would never walk again, would never even leave the hospital, and certainly would not be able to continue her studies.

Legally blind and with an unreliable left hand, O'Farrell accepted that she could not pursue a career in medicine, but she was determined to get a degree. "Never tell me never. I'm Irish, German and brain damaged–it just made me more determined," said O'Farrell, who has now completed her third degree since the accident.

The degree she hopes will finally let her begin a career as a teacher has been a long time in the making. She received a psychology degree in 1994, but was unable to find work in that field. "I can't see well enough to drive, and no one would hire me" she said. O'Farrell returned to Southern Miss, majoring in history and education to prepare to teach.

Without a master's, however, she said she was passed up for teaching positions. But, rather than be discouraged, she enrolled in graduate school.

The lack of transportation has been a major obstacle. Without the ability to drive and no accessibility to public transportation, the only way O'Farrell could get to USM from her home more than two miles away in Lamar County was to walk. So, for eight years she walked to school, assisted by her help dog, Sasha.

The most obvious route would take her along a heavily traveled city thoroughfare, a route she decided to forego. "I'm brain damaged, not stupid," she said. Instead, she and Sasha climbed over trees and pushed through underbrush to traverse an unfinished portion of the Longleaf walking trail from Hattiesburg to Prentiss.

"I've never missed a class, and I've never been late," she said. She's also never made below a B on her course work and was awarded a degree in 1998.

To get through the extensive reading required in graduate school, O'Farrell used a computer device to magnify the print. "I can't scan because of retinopathy. I have to read every word," she said, noting that it takes her four times longer than the average person to read a book. She types her own papers, although she has to type one-handed.

O'Farrell's sense of humor and sheer grit help her make it under circumstances that would cause many to quit. "You can either sit back and cry, or you can do something."

She has certainly done something. The next thing she has to do is train a new help dog. At 12, Sasha has severe arthritis. Not eligible for a guide dog as she has some vision, O'Farrell trained Sasha herself and is training her new dog, Shannon.

Now a graduate, O'Farrell is currently looking for a job teaching middle school or high school history. "I'm excited," she said, although she acknowledges hurdles yet to be faced. She considers her biggest obstacle her inability to drive a car, but is determined to find a way. "I'm really stubborn," she said.

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The People's Choice

BY CHARITY MOSELEY WALLACE

Southern Miss alumni hold important positions in all levels of public service across Mississippi and the nation, but perhaps some of the most crucial posts are filled by alumni with the demanding task of leading Mississippi's municipalities. Not only are these mayoral alumni governing, they are breaking barriers along the way. From the first female mayor in Clinton to the first African-American mayor in Hattiesburg, Golden Eagles are not only succeeding at making a difference in their cities, but also are working to provide a better future for Mississippi.

ROSEMARY AULTMAN

JOHNNY DUPREE

Rosemary Aultman '73

Serving as mayor was never on Rosemary Aultman's list of things she wanted to do. The former teacher had never even been involved in any political office before she made the decision for candidacy. Now, three terms later, Aultman '73 is serving not only as mayor of Clinton, but also leading other mayors as president of the Mississippi Municipal League.

Aultman began her career teaching in Hattiesburg's public schools and, in the evenings, she attended graduate school at Southern Miss, where her husband was a full-time graduate student. After several years of teaching, Aultman served for 10 years on the Clinton School Board. But she wanted to give more back to the community that had served as a wonderful home base for her family. So, Aultman decided to run for mayor. With the support of the citizens of Clinton, she was elected the city's first female mayor.

Under her leadership, Clinton has experienced tremendous growth and has received numerous recognitions, including the designation as a Mississippi Most Livable City in 1994 and 1997 by *The Clarion Ledger* and *Southern Living*. "We have positioned ourselves to be the retail center for western Hinds County and Warren County," she said. "We have excellent public schools, people enjoy the quality of life, there is a tremendous spirit of community volunteerism, and adding to that Mississippi College gives us a great city."

In June, Aultman witnessed the completion of her administration's lead project–the Clinton Parkway, an eye-appealing roadway. The project not only safely provides a direct connection to the southern and northern areas of the city, but it also extends the opportunity for development in new areas.

Aultman said the lessons she learned from her experience in the classroom–both as a teacher and as a student at Southern Miss–have proven invaluable in her service as mayor. "I use my teaching skills every day in this job," she said.

Johnny DuPree '96, '00

A passion to serve people drove Johnny DuPree '96, '00 to a life of public service and, eventually, to Hattiesburg's City Hall. On June 5, 2001, DuPree received 53 percent of the votes as the citizens of Hattiesburg elected him mayor. This victory achieved what DuPree calls an "evolution of service."

After serving five years on the Hattiesburg School Board, DuPree was elected in 1991 as the Forrest County supervisor for District Four. His dedication and hard work on behalf of his constituents led to his reelections in 1995 and 1999. DuPree said he believes his years of service, the contact he has had with numerous leaders on all levels of the political process, and the knowledge he gained from his studies

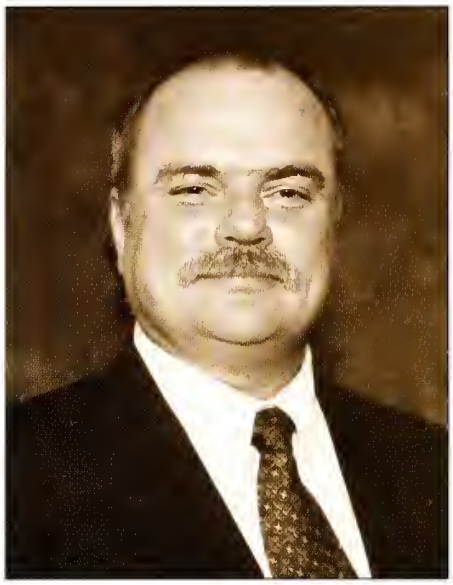
in political science and economic development at Southern Miss will be beneficial to him as Hattiesburg's chief executive officer.

DuPree said he considers Southern Miss a great asset to the city of Hattiesburg; his vision as mayor includes the involvement of his alma mater in the future development of Hattiesburg. DuPree also plans to look to neighborhood associations in all areas of the city for input on how to improve Hattiesburg.

A challenge DuPree believes he will face is the apprehension some feel about him serving as mayor, but he is determined to involve even those who voted against him in creating a better Hattiesburg. "I have been a bridge builder in the past, and I hope to continue that in the future," he said. "I am going to be open and inclusive, seeking the advice of even those who didn't vote for me. It takes all to move Hattiesburg forward."

Eddie Favre '77

Committed to making his hometown the best it can be, Eddie Favre '77 serves with dedication and dignity as mayor of Bay St. Louis. However, his commitment to the Gulf Coast city goes beyond his duties as the city's leader.



EDDIE FAVRE

During Favre's leadership, Bay St. Louis has earned numerous distinctions, including a 1993 Mississippi Most Livable Community designation and six Making Mississippi Move awards from the Municipal League. As mayor, Favre is dedicated to providing skillful leadership in financial management. During this certified public accountant's administration, the citizens of Bay St. Louis have received three utility rate reductions and an 85 percent reduction in city property tax.

Now in his fourth term as mayor, Favre is active on the Hancock County Solid Waste and Wastewater Commission, serves on the board of directors of the Mississippi Municipal League and is director of the Mississippi Municipal Service Company.

When Favre is away from his municipal duties, one might find him honing his culinary skills for a good cause, perhaps slaving over a bowl of red beans and rice or other dishes for numerous community fund-raising efforts.

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MAKING *the* GRADE

Offering academically talented and intellectually curious undergraduate students an enriched, comprehensive education, Southern Miss' Honors College promises to truly educate rather than merely train.

By Karon Warren '97

For many students and alumni, the Honors College at The University of Southern Mississippi is an unknown entity. At some point during their years at Southern Miss, students have heard the words "Honors College," but seldom did they know to what the phrase referred.

Started in 1965 as an honors program, the Honors College was originally affiliated with the School of Arts and Sciences. Over the course of the next decade, it expanded and experienced various structural changes. In 1976, the Honors College reorganized as a separate academic college and has been providing students of superior academic ability with a broadly based undergraduate education ever since.

Dr. Maureen Ryan, dean of the Honors College, elaborated on the type of education an Honors College student can expect. "[The program offers] academically talented and intellectually curious undergraduate students an enriched, comprehensive education through small, reading-, writing- and discussion-intensive core classes; special seminars; the Forum lecture series; independent research; special honors housing; social events; and close, personal attention from the Honors College staff," she said.

Students may enter as freshmen or rising juniors. Admission is based on high school or college grades; ACT scores (for freshmen); co-curricular activities; an essay; and letters of recommendation.

There is a general consensus as to why the University needs such a program–to allow students to get the most from their college education. "The student population at Southern Miss is very diverse academically," said Dr. Horace W. Fleming, president of The University of Southern Mississippi. "Some students desire and require a more challenging academic environment than others."

Ryan concurred, "In an increasingly complex, fast-paced and anti-intellectual world, bright students need to be challenged to read and think critically, to do and learn more than the minimum, to become truly educated rather than merely trained–to get an education, not a degree."

Honors College students agree with Fleming and Ryan. Lance Brown of Montgomery, Ala., joined the program as an incoming freshman in fall 1996. "I believe the Honors College truly is irresistible for a student who wants to squeeze the most from a college curriculum," the 2000 graduate said. "There is dedicated faculty, committed administration, and bright, ambitious students. I was not willing to turn down that opportunity."

And Brown made the most of his opportunity. Awarded the Harry S. Truman Scholarship ($30,000 for graduate study) in March 1999, Brown went on to be named to the *USA Today* All-USA College Academic Team and USM Student Hall of Fame in spring 2000. Currently, he works for Alabama Gov. Don Siegelman as a researcher and public policy analyst. His future plans include entering the Ph.D. program in politics at Princeton University.

Brown credits the Honors College for putting him on the road to success. "The Honors College was instrumental in helping me make connections between politics, history and literature," he said. "The faculty teaches and encourages a multifaceted view of the world, as I now do. The Truman scholarship that I eventually won will enable me to continue my education at one of the finest schools in the nation. I could not have won the Truman scholarship or achieved the things I did without the constant presence and support of the Honors College."

For 2001 Honors College graduate Kacy Jennifer Redd, that presence and support are essential for laying the groundwork to an educational foundation. "[The Honors College] allows motivated, bright students to have a support group," the Laurel native said. "We get to meet other students with our similar interests when we are freshmen, the time we need support the most. The curriculum gives us a good foundation for our professional lives. It allows us to form strong, meaningful relationships with some of the best professors at USM. It gives us a unique intellectual and social experience at USM."

But Redd warned that the Honors College is not for everyone. "If you want to graduate early or just get your degree so you can start working, then the Honors College is probably not for you," she said. "You have to be the sort of student who likes learning about and discussing areas outside your field. You have to be willing to do that extra paper, complete essay tests instead of multiple choice tests, etc."

For students up to the challenge, the rewards can be great. "What you learn and how you learn it offset the extra work that is required," Redd said. "If you want to set yourself apart from the rest of the students at USM, then participation in Honors College allows that. The greatest piece of advice, though, is to only join the Honors College if you have a love of learning and want to be challenged in a meaningful way. It can make your time at USM 10 times more rewarding, but only if you take full advantage of the opportunities it presents you."

Like Brown, Redd made the most of her opportunities. After graduating summa cum laude with a double major in biological sciences and psychology, Redd received the Howard Hughes Medical Institute Predoctoral Fellowship ($150,000 over five years); the National Science Foundation Fellowship (declined due to Hughes fellowship); Columbia University Fellowship (full tuition and stipend); and the Phi Kappa Phi Silver Bowl. Currently, she works in Washington, D.C., at the National Institute of Health in the Neurological Disorders and Stroke Division and will begin graduate school at Columbia in the fall.

Obviously, the benefits students receive from participating in the Honors College can be tremendous, but Southern Miss also reaps benefits from the college. "The Honors College helps recruit to USM extremely able students who might not be attracted to USM except for the Honors College," Ryan said. "These students who take two-thirds to three-fourths of their classes in non-Honors sections raise the intellectual 'bar' for students throughout the University. In addition, Honors College students are student leaders as well as academic leaders; they are active in student government, the Greek system, in groups such as Habitat for Humanity ... throughout the University."

Southern Miss' reputation also benefits from the accomplishments of Honors College students. "Each time a student receives a Truman, Mellon, Goldwater or other prestigious competitive scholarship, this adds to the prestige and status of Southern Miss," Fleming said.

While the current goal of the Honors College remains to recruit students who strive to challenge themselves as Brown and Redd have, the program also focuses on its future. "[Future goals are] to strengthen our relationship with USM's international programs so that more and more Honors College students can enjoy a study-abroad experience," Ryan said. "[Also,] to improve the physical facilities of the Honors College, to recruit an increasingly strong, diverse Honors College student body, and to help even more students receive nationally competitive scholarships and fellowships."

With graduates such as Brown and Redd, the Honors College already is well on its way to achieving those goals.

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PRESIDENTIAL SCHOLARSHIPS ANNOUNCED

Southern Miss recently awarded its most prestigious full-tuition scholarships to 12 deserving high school seniors. These Honors College scholarships pay for four years of tuition, full room and board, some books, and if necessary, out-of-state fees, making each scholarship worth about $29,680 to $45,392.

The 2001 Presidential Scholars, their high schools and anticipated majors at Southern Miss include:

- **Kimberly Adler**, Saraland, Ala., McGill-Toolen Catholic High School, biological sciences.
- **Seth Bassett**, Ridgeland, Madison-Ridgeland Academy, psychology and biological sciences.
- **Olivia Berry**, Gulfport, Gulfport High School, biological sciences (pre-med).
- **Laura Bru**, Mobile, Ala., McGill-Toolen Catholic High School, English.
- **Jennifer Elia**, Bartlett, Tenn., Bartlett High School, psychology.
- **Carrie Gray**, Columbus, New Hope High School, English.
- **Matthew Hayes**, Brandon, Northwest Rankin High School, geology.
- **Sarah Hosman**, Hattiesburg, Hattiesburg High School, English.
- **Erin Hutchinson**, Columbia, Columbia High School, accounting.
- **Michael Ide**, Carriere, Pearl River Central High School, theatre.
- **Nataria Joseph**, Hahnville, La., Hahnville High School, psychology.
- **Jennifer White**, Clinton, Clinton High School, foreign languages (French).

Presidential Scholar applicants had to score a 30 or above on the 36-point ACT, 1310 or above on the SAT, or be a National Merit Scholar finalist or National Commended Semifinalist and meet criteria for admission to the Honors College. Recipients must maintain a 3.25 grade-point average based on USM's 4.0 GPA system.

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Two football teams battle ferociously for more than 50 years, overcoming trick plays, iced fields, miracle passes and a fickle moon.

By Judy Smith '97, '99

Suspense. Intrigue. Deception. Revenge. Although that might sound like the basic story line of any soap opera, it's also a pretty accurate description of the rivalry that has developed on the gridiron between Southern Miss and the University of Louisville. This rivalry has nurtured very passionate emotions for the black and gold faithful, leading them to harbor some hard feelings toward the Cardinals and their fans. Hate is such a harsh word, and many are hesitant to use it to describe their views on Louisville. But the dislike that many Southern Miss supporters have for the current Conference USA champions is a close cousin to the "h" word.

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One, two, three, four.
Two, four, three, four.
Who in the world are we for?
Normal! Normal! Normal!
Katzenjammer, Hooligan,
Rah! He! Ha!
Mississippi Normal!
Rah! Rah! Rah!

Cheer quoted in *Normal College News*, 1919

Conflicts on the Gridiron

While the rivalry between Southern Miss and Louisville originally started in basketball–the two squads battled against one another in the old Metro Conference–the conflicts on the gridiron began in 1949, and the two teams have fought over the pigskin off and on ever since. But those meetings have become a yearly occurrence ever since the two squads joined Conference USA, and the Golden Eagles and the Cardinals battle over the coveted conference title and a trip to the Liberty Bowl. Currently, the Golden Eagles lead the series 18-6-1.

The conflicts have developed into a clash for the ages, one filled with taunting and heated exchanges both on the field and in the stands. Comments such as former Louisville coach Ron Cooper's dread of coming to Hattiesburg because he claimed the city did not have any decent lodging, or former coach Howard Schnellenberger's blatant boasting of bringing a national championship to Louisville, have lent intensity and suspense to the meetings while giving the squads plenty of ammunition to fire them up.

Southern Miss Head Football Coach Jeff Bower said a major reason for the rivalry between these two quality teams has become the struggle for the conference title, but the close games that these squads have been involved in throughout the years have also aided in making their contests quite interesting. "When you play each other year in and year out, you kind of build up a little rivalry," Bower said. "Also, the close games that we've had with them have led to a healthy competition between us. When games are that close, it kind of makes it harder to accept a loss, but it's always a good match-up because we know they're always going to have a really strong, good team."

Those close games that Bower referred to have been filled with intense, nail-biting adventures that often make the heart pound faster and leave the fans breathless. These games usually bring back a lot of memories to those that wear the black and gold–some good, some bad, but all memorable.

Ice on the Field

Former Southern Miss Head Football Coach Bobby Collins admits that he does not have many fond memories of playing Louisville because the Cardinals always presented a tough challenge for his squads. His lack of sentimentality could also be due to a fateful day in late November 1981. The Golden Eagles had just come off a huge win against Florida State, handing the Seminoles a 58-14 lashing, and headed to Louisville with their spotless record still intact. Undefeated and nationally ranked, the 8-0-1 Golden Eagles went to the Bluegrass State on an emotional high, ready to roll over the Cardinals. But fate was not on their side on the wintry afternoon that has caused many rumors to fly.

To say it was cold that day is an understatement, according to those who were in attendance on that overcast day in Louisville. The temperature was a chilly 31 degrees at kickoff, and devoted Golden Eagle fan Lamar Reynolds '66 of Madison, Miss., remembered the game as the coldest one he had ever attended. "It was so cold grown men were crying in the stands," Reynolds said. "Some people were going out to their cars to warm up, but the heaters weren't working."

The Louisville Astroturf field was covered with ice, and the going was treacherous for the black and gold warriors from the Deep South. Despite having the services of standouts Reggie Collier and Sammy Winder in the lineup, Southern Miss was never able to get comfortable on the field and kept slipping and sliding on the turf. The Golden Eagles were held to only 128 yards rushing, and Collier had his worst passing performance of the season as he was limited to 124 yards, completing only 10 out of 23 passes. The icy terrain made footing treacherous for the Golden Eagles, who were not prepared for such slick conditions.

"We were a really fast team, but we didn't have the proper footwear," said Bower, who coached the quarterbacks and wide receivers under Collins. "Louisville had the right type of cleats to get traction, and they were able to shut us down."

Many fans, including Reynolds, suspected that Louisville had sprayed down the field the night before with water to provide a frozen terrain for the next day's big game. "We can never know for sure," Collins said. "But people still like to talk about that game. We've heard all the rumors about that day."

The Miracle of Louisville

Drama was also the keyword for the 1989 meeting between the two teams, as fans who chose to stay until the end of Louisville's homecoming match-up against the Golden Eagles can attest. Many fans were leaving Cardinal Stadium, assured of either a tie or a Louisville win, but they were proven wrong on both counts. Southern Miss and Louisville had battled to a 10-10 tie, and Cardinal fans were looking for a win until Southern Miss' Vernard Collins blocked the 43-yard Cardinal field goal with 23 seconds left to play. The Golden Eagles took over on their own 26-yard line, and Brett Favre was sacked for a five-yard loss before he called for a time-out.

Desperate times call for desperate measures, and everyone knew what was

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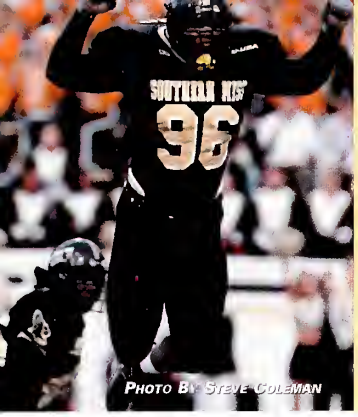

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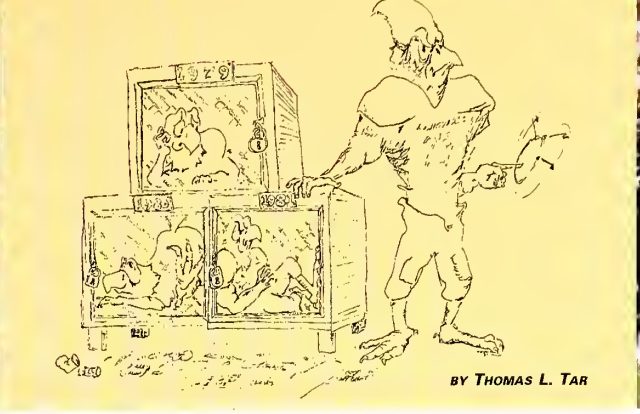

By Thomas L. Tar

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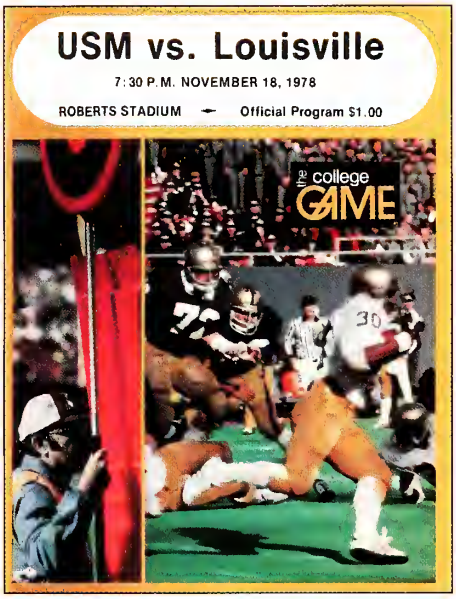
coming–a last-gasp effort to go for broke. With only six seconds left in the game, Favre took the snap and scrambled through the crowd of Cardinals that stood before his path to glory, escaping the clutches of greedy opponents determined to stop his last-ditch heroics. With defenders hanging on him, Favre heaved the Hail Mary pass some 50 yards with a hope and prayer toward a crowd of players near the goal line before he was knocked to the turf.

The final gun sounded while the ball was still airborne, and an entire stadium sat holding their breath. On cue, wide receiver Michael Jackson tipped the ball into the air at the Louisville 30-yard line, and teammate Darryl Tillman, streaking down the field, caught it on a dead run at the 25 and danced into the end zone for the 16-10 victory for the Golden Eagles. The play was coined "The Miracle of Louisville," and it was broadcast on highlight films throughout the country. The Cardinals were devastated, but the Golden Eagles couldn't be more elated as they pulled off one of the most exciting finishes in Southern Miss history.

"Maybe it was this moon down here in Hattiesburg..."

While the 1989 game evokes fond memories for some, the next year's meeting when Louisville rolled into town undefeated brings even bigger smiles for others. Within the first six minutes of the game, Tony Smith returned a punt 46 yards for a touchdown, Roland Johnson scored on a 47-yard run, and Kerry Valerie returned a 42-yard fumble to put the Golden Eagles ahead by 22 points. Brimming with confidence as they entered the stadium, the Cardinals were singing a different tune by the time they departed for their Kentucky home after a 25-13 loss. In fact, the Golden Eagles issued the Cardinals their only loss for the season; they ended up 10-1-1 with a trip to the Fiesta Bowl, where they defeated Alabama 34-7.

That win was a definite feather in the cap of all Southern Miss faithful, and



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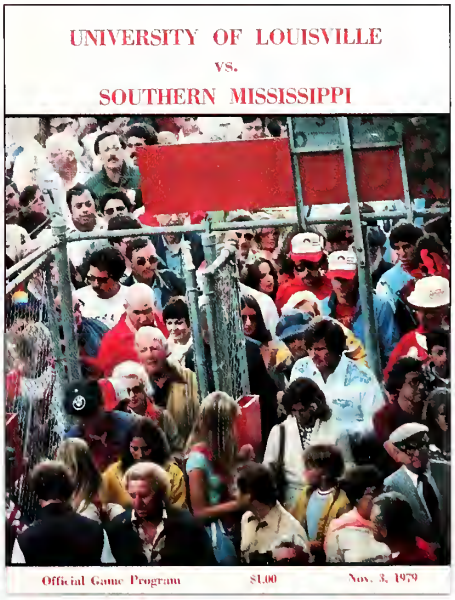

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(Above) Southern Miss vs. Louisville game programs from 1978 and 1979.

Louisville Coach Howard Schnellenberger left scratching his head. After the game he told reporters, "I have never been in a football game like this where three plays beat us. I thought our football team was ready to play. Maybe they were too tight. Maybe it was this moon down here in Hattiesburg."

Maybe it was the moon or just a prepared and talented Golden Eagle squad, but that victory still brings some fond memories to many black and gold fans. "We beat them in every weird way possible," gloated Raymond Reeves '86, an avid Louisville despiser. "It was a great victory for us, but we just loved beating Howard Schnellenberger. He just couldn't seem to beat us, and it was driving him nuts."

The Schnellenberger Saga

To truly understand how this rivalry became so ugly or why so many fans greatly dislike the Cardinals, one must look to the bravado for which Louisville is known. The key to the team's extreme confidence appears to point to Schnellenberger. When he took over the reigns for the Cardinals, the rivalry really got ugly for Southern Miss and other opponents. Schnellenberger had brought a national championship to the University of Miami Hurricanes when he was coaching there, and he swore to do the same at Louisville. But that dream would never come to fruition, much to the delight of many of those who despised the Cardinal red.

"After Schnellenberger came, they all acted like they were Super Bowl champions when they couldn't beat anybody," Reeves said. "They really came out with a lot of arrogance that they had not earned and didn't have a lot to back it up."

Fuel was added to the Golden Eagles' raging fire one October afternoon in 1987. When Southern Miss went for their walk-through after first arriving in Louisville, the Golden Eagles were met with a ghastly sight: Looking up into the warm Kentucky sun, the Southern Miss squad saw fake birds hanging from the

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"In his most-repeated line of the week, [University of Louisville football coach John L. Smith] has called it 'the road,' as in 'the road to the Conference USA championship runs through Hattiesburg.'"

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rafters of the old Cardinal Stadium, as if they were hung in effigy. "The players were really ticked off and mad, and we took it out on them, beating them 65-6," said Laurel Head Football Coach Buddy Duke '82, who coached tight ends and kickers for the Golden Eagles. "That was great, but we really just enjoyed beating Howard Schnellenberger, an arrogant former national champion."

A Heritage of High Opinion

While Schnellenberger didn't clinch a national championship, he did leave a strong tradition at Louisville–a heritage of a high opinion of those in the Cardinal red. Marchant Kenney '98, a linebacker for the Golden Eagles in the late 1990s, remembers when Conference USA was forming, Louisville initially was not that enthusiastic about joining the new conference. "Louisville is one of the more cocky teams that we played, and they thought that they were too good for Conference USA," Kenney said. "I can remember that was the general attitude out of their camp, and that just made us want to beat them even more."

Kenney and Bobby Collins both agreed that the superior attitude of Louisville and the heated words passed through the media from the Cardinals camp always added extra incentive in preparations for the big game. "That [the heated words from the Cardinals] was always great bulletin board material to fire up the team," Collins said.

Reynolds said that he has gone up to Louisville various times throughout the years and there have been "Beat Southern Miss" banners all over the campus. "I know when they beat us one time years ago, they said the snake was finally dead because they had finally won a game against us," he said. "There's some definite hostility coming out of the Louisville camp."

A Sea of Red

Louisville's cockiness can be viewed in the stands as well as on the field. The vocal fans can make Louisville a difficult atmosphere for opponents, as those in red are very loud in their support of the home team. "Whenever we played up there, they always had really big crowds," Collins said. "You'd look up into a sea of red, and it could be a pretty hard place to play because you could always hear kind of a roar on the field." Kenney also called the old Cardinal stadium an "extremely hard place to play." "The old field was a baseball stadium," Kenney explained. "When you got around the home plate area the fans were right on top of you, and they could be extremely loud and obnoxious."

Mills Kills

The behavior of everyone from fans to former coaches further sweetened Southern Miss' win against the Cardinals in Louisville in 1999, and the Golden Eagles received a return trip to the last Liberty Bowl of the twentieth century. What made it even more special for the Golden Eagles was that they won a third conference championship in dramatic fashion, pulling off the trick play of the century. With an Academy Award-caliber performance from Bower, a perfect fourth down strike from Jamie Purser to Shawn Mills, and a Brant Hanna punt that was right on the money, those in red were left scratching their

My Favorite Southern Miss vs. Louisville Memory

My favorite Southern Miss vs. Louisville memory happened on November 20, 1999, at Papa John's Cardinal Stadium. The day started off with the Alumni Association's reception and pep rally at a Louisville hotel near the stadium. Hundreds of Southern Miss fans dressed in black and gold jammed the hotel ballroom and cheered as The Pride of Mississippi pep band played all of our favorite songs and cheers. "Southern Miss To The Top" rang loud and clear.

A third C-USA championship was on the line, and we were in enemy territory. The walk from the hotel to the stadium was exciting, as we watched thousands of Louisville fans enjoy their tailgating. Many shouted friendly comments to us as we passed their parties. This was the best of Conference USA.

We found our seats in the fan-packed stadium. Then something special happened: I was surprised to find that I was sitting next to Coach Bower's mother. Good omen! From that moment, I had a gut feeling that our Eagles would bring home the victory.

The first half belonged to Louisville, 24 to 17. I was tired of hearing that loud train whistle, and the obnoxious Louisville announcer and fans saying, "And it's another Louisville first down!" The Eagle faithful came alive in the second half as our Eagles outscored the "red birds" 13 to 3. Our defense was awesome, and the famous "Mills Kills" play was unbelievable. Our fans went crazy as the Louisville folks looked on in disbelief. Along with the rest of us, Coach Bower's mom was jumping with joy and cheering with youthful excitement. As we stood, holding our breath, Brant Hanna converted his third field goal of the game with only 1:07 remaining.

You know the rest of the story: Southern Miss won 30 to 27, earning another C-USA championship and another trip to the Liberty Bowl. What super memories.

CHUCK CARTWRIGHT '67

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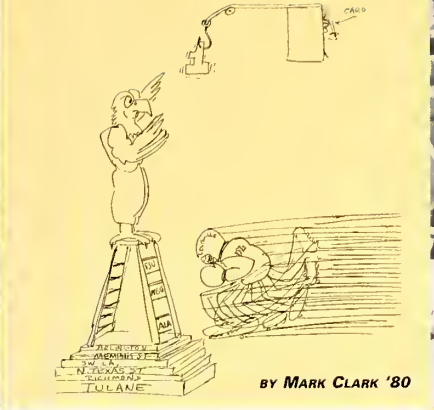

by Mark Clark '80

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heads and protesting what they deemed an illegal action. After the game, Louisville Head Coach John L. Smith shook his head, saying that it was a "shame that a league championship would come down to a play of deception." But Bower was sure to clear the play with officials before the game, and the Golden Eagles were named conference champions fair and square. When Louisville fans protest that play and criticize Southern Miss for being a little crafty when the game was on the line, Golden Eagle supporters are quick to remind the Cardinal faithful of the trickery to which they have been rumored to resort.

The Next Chapter

This rivalry back and forth between fans and the emotional, nail-biting games that usually occur when these two squads meet on the gridiron makes a Southern Miss-Louisville match-up a fight for pride and bragging rights. Louisville, unfortunately, has one up on the Golden Eagles this year as they beat Southern Miss at home last season, winning a trip to Memphis for the Liberty Bowl as well as their first Conference USA title. That aspect has added extra fuel to the fire under the Golden Eagles and their supporters. "Winning the conference title definitely puts a bull's eye on their back," Bower said. "Everyone in the conference, like us, is going to be gunning for Louisville now."

Bower expects this year's battle to be fought with the intensity that has come to define these Golden Eagle-Cardinal matches. "I imagine it will be a pretty big game," Bower said. "It's going to be on Tuesday night and televised by ESPN, and that type of exposure is always great. It'll be a little too early in the season to tell how important the game will be, but it might have some bearing on the final standings."

While Bower views the October 16 game as a strong, competitive match-up between two talented squads, revenge and contempt hang heavy in the minds of Southern Miss supporters as they look to avenge last year's defeat at the hands of the Cardinals. It's been said that if we forget the past, we are doomed to repeat it. There's no doubt that any Southern Miss coach, athlete or fan worth his weight in black and gold can forget the history that has developed between these two quality programs. It's a safe bet that this year's contest, peppered with a healthy dose of competition and mutual animosity, will offer enough drama, intensity and intrigue to provide another interesting chapter in the saga of the battles between the mighty Golden Eagles and their arch enemy, the Louisville Cardinals.

Judy Smith '97, '99 is currently pursuing a Ph.D. in mass communications from Southern Miss. This is her first article for The Talon.

"If you're going to war, and if you get to pick first, choose Southern Mississippi. Always choose Southern Mississippi... Don't fight Southern Mississippi. No matter how hard you fight, those folks will fight harder."

Mickey Spagnola in his *Jackson Daily News* postmortem of the Alabama home win streak that Southern Miss broke in 1982.

Through the Years

1949 Mississippi Southern College's football team squares off against a top-rated University of Louisville in the Southerners' final game of the season. According to a November 23, 1949, article from *The Student Printz,* "It will probably be the best game seen on the Southern field this year."

1981 An icy field and improper footwear prove too much for the Golden Eagles to overcome on this November game. Louisville, on the other hand, comes equipped with the right type of cleats to get traction. To this day, many USM fans suspect that Louisville sprayed down the field with water the night before to provide a frozen terrain for the next day's big game.

1985-95 The Schnellenberger Saga. Still riding the high of bringing the University of Miami Hurricanes a national championship in 1983, Howard Schnellenberger signs on as head coach of the University of Louisville Cardinals. He promises the Cardinals similar success, a dream that would never be realized.

1987 While on a walk-through, Southern Miss players spot fake birds hanging from the rafters of the old Cardinal Stadium, as if they were hung in effigy. According to Buddy Duke '82, who coached tight ends and kickers for the Golden Eagles, "The players were really ticked off and mad and we took it out on them, beating them 65-6."

1989 Desperate times call for desperate measures, and the 1989 meeting between Southern Miss and Louisville was no exception. With only six seconds left in the game, quarterback Brett Favre heaves a Hail Mary pass some 50 yards down the field. The ball is tipped by wide receiver Michael Jackson, and teammate Darryl Tillman catches it on a dead run at the 25 and dances into the end zone for a Southern Miss victory. The play was later dubbed, "The Miracle of Louisville."

1996 Conference USA forms.

1999 Thanks to an Academy Award-winning performance from Coach Jeff Bower, a perfect fourth down strike from Jamie Purser to Shawn Mills, and a Brant Hanna punt that was right on the money, Southern Miss pulls off a flawless trick play. The play, referred to by many black and gold faithful as "Mills Kills," secured the Golden Eagles' third conference championship.

JOINING THE RANKS

BY BONNIE GIBBS

"Research has a broad meaning in a university. It's not only the traditional laboratory-based discovery work, but it also includes the creative activities of the faculty and students. It involves scholarship, creative performances and works in the humanities as well as laboratory, science-based research. The University grows in all of these directions and views research in a very broad sense."

–DR. ANSELM GRIFFIN, PROVOST

Last fall, The University of Southern Mississippi was notified by the prestigious Carnegie Foundation that it had earned a spot among the nation's top 150 institutions for the breadth and effectiveness of its doctoral programs. The designation is a major honor for the University, which was authorized in 1959 by the IHL Board to offer doctoral degrees. With this classification, the University joins the ranks of a veritable who's who of well-respected institutions, including heavy hitters such as Vanderbilt, Duke, Harvard, Stanford, University of Florida and University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill.

USM is now classified as a "Doctoral/Research Extensive Institution," a label that the revised Carnegie system reserves only for schools that offer a wide range of baccalaureate programs and are committed to graduate education through the doctorate. During the period studied, these institutions awarded 50 or more doctoral degrees per year across at least 15 disciplines.

To learn more about the ranking and what it means for Southern Miss, *The Talon* recently caught up with Dr. Anselm Griffin, provost, and Dr. Don Cotten, vice president for research and dean of the graduate school. This "Campus Conversation" is the first in a series of interviews that will spotlight the events and people who are helping shape the University's future.

The Talon: *What does it mean to be classified as a "Doctoral/Research Extensive Institution?"*
Dr. Griffin: The University has to be involved in doctoral education and research activities in an extensive, pervasive way. This is the highest-level category that's offered, and we meet those requirements.

Dr. Cotten: The Carnegie Foundation is the most prestigious body in the United States, and the academic community looks to the Carnegie list for university rankings. Carnegie recognizes institutions according to doctoral production; The University of Southern Mississippi has 31 doctoral programs. The research-extensive status is a result of the graduation of 50 doctoral students per year in 15 of those 31 programs over a three-year period of time. Carnegie determines the time frame. We graduate approximately 110 to 125 doctoral students per year.

The Talon: *How did Southern Miss earn this classification?*
Griffin: It's a matter of the graduates in our doctoral programs. It's a tribute to the University's research and scholarship as focused on graduate education–doctorate education, specifically. It's essentially the result of an ongoing emphasis in this area.
Cotten: The University has added strategic doctoral programs over the last 15 years. With the increasing number of programs, the University is graduating more students at a doctoral level, which then makes us eligible for this classification.

The Talon: *How many doctoral programs have been added over the past few years?*
Cotten: Southern Miss has 31 in place, including five added under Dr. Fleming's leadership. The five newest programs are Coastal Sciences, Nutrition and Food Systems, Nursing, Administration of Justice and International Development.

The Talon: *What does/will the Carnegie Foundation classification mean for USM?*
Griffin: It recognizes that we are com-

(From Above Left) Dr. Anselm Griffin and Dr. Don Cotten discuss USM's recent Carnegie Foundation designation.

petitive with the best institutions in the country, in terms of our doctoral research and education programs. It doesn't carry money directly, but certainly being in that category puts us in a great position in terms of our reputation with our peer institutions. It's really an impressive collection of institutions we're grouped with. They are the schools one might associate with the top end of research and scholarship in the country.

Cotten: This ranking opens the door to for our University to compete for a number of national initiatives, such as the National Science Foundation or the Department of Defense national centers. In other words, the ranking increases our competitive edge for national centers that we have not been historically competitive for.

The Talon: *What sort of standards will USM be required to meet in order to retain the classification?*

Griffin: The Carnegie Foundation establishes baseline years that are examined. So the next time they have their study, they will choose the three years they will examine. They will look at the number of disciplines for which a university has graduates–an acceptable minimum number of graduates–to qualify as offering doctoral education in that discipline. Currently, that number of disciplines is 15. This means that we have to continue to have students graduate in all of our doctoral programs with some frequency that allows us to continue to "count" those areas as academic disciplines for the Carnegie Foundation. It means we need to strengthen our programs and retain the productivity of the students coming into our program.

The Talon: *Currently, how high of a priority is research?*

Cotten: In a comprehensive research university, an integral part of the professional responsibilities for our faculty is their research. A strength of The University of Southern Mississippi is that we are a student-centered university, where students are engaged in the research enterprise. University faculty members are involved in cutting-edge research, whether it is in social sciences, curricula development, etc.

Griffin: At our institution, research and teaching are so locked together, they are inseparable. Our faculty is involved in research and, in many cases, students are involved in this research. This type of relationship means that research isn't something done to the exclusion or to the detriment of teaching. It's all part of the same activity.

Cotten: Another important element of the Carnegie classification is the university demonstrates that it has a strong undergraduate program. Carnegie reviews the total institution, so the undergraduate program is the pipeline associated with graduate education.

Griffin: In our case, our emphasis on research benefits everyone from the advanced doctoral students to the undergraduates because it broadens their experience and gives them faculty who are involved in the creation of knowledge.

The Talon: *Describe USM 10 years from now. What kind of role do you foresee research playing?*

Griffin: We will be doing research not only in a classical way, like we do it now, but I think there will also be more interdisciplinary research. Interdisciplinary research involves teams of people who have a common interest but bring different expertise that transcends traditional, classical departmental boundaries. You can see it taking place in our new doctoral programs. Administration of Justice, for example, not only takes people from a traditional area like criminal justice, but also involves disciplines such as sociology or political science, to look at problems beyond the classical boundaries.

Cotten: Because of the competitiveness of our faculty, students and staff, we've seen a growth in the competitive dollars over the last three-plus years, which has grown from approximately $19 million to $50 million. And these are critical resources that enhance our University's program. Our University is receiving these accolades because of the quality of our faculty, students and staff.

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–Dr. Don Cotten,
Vice President for Research and Dean of the Graduate School

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ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

Board of Directors

New members of the International Board of Directors for the Southern Miss Alumni Association, which includes the newly elected executive committee, took their posts July 1. Board members serve a three-year term, while terms vary for executive committee members.

Following is an introduction to the executive committee.

Sharon Herrin '67, '84, president

Herrin is a teacher at Slidell High School in Slidell, La., and chairs the school's social studies department. She has been selected as an Educator of Distinction and is a member of the National Education Association, Delta Kappa Gamma. She is also active in curriculum development.

Herrin has been a member of the Eagle Club, the now-defunct Athletic Committee, the Athletic Search Committee (basketball coach), the Athletic Enhancement Committee (she chaired the Marketing Sub-Committee), and the Alumni Association. Herrin has served in several capacities for the association, including vice president and president-elect, and served on the Board of Directors and Tradition Enhancement Committee. She received the association's Outstanding Service Award and the Continuous Outstanding Service Award, and is a member of the Alumni Hall of Fame.

Edward J. "Ed" Langton '70, president-elect

Langton, a business administration major, is currently chairman of the board and CEO for Grand Bank of Hattiesburg. He is also the founder, chairman and CEO of Mortgage Funding Corporation, and is founder and chairman of IF-I Foundation, a nonprofit charitable foundation. Additionally, he serves as director of the Pine Burr area Boy Scouts of America Executive Board.

Langton is a president and past director of the USM Foundation, where he served on the Nomination and Bylaw

Southern Miss Meets in Big Apple

June 9, 2001, was a spring-like day in New York City, where the East Meadow area of Central Park was the setting of the annual Mississippi Day Picnic in New York City. Universities from across Mississippi participate in this yearly event, as do state officials, including Gov. Ronnie Musgrove, who attended this year.

It was Southern Miss' day, as black and gold banners and flags were highly visible in the East Meadow area, and alumni from New York City and the surrounding areas turned out in full force. Southern Miss even found its way on two national television programs; several alumni appeared in the audiences of "Good Morning America" and "The Today Show."

For the first time, USM Gulf Coast joined Hattiesburg picnic veterans Bud Kirkpatrick, assistant to the president for University Relations, and Tim Breland, manager of alumni programs. Shelia White, director of University Relations at USMGC, and Jean Wiesenburg, assistant director/major gifts at USMGC, participated in the event.

Businesses from the Gulf Coast community helped provide funding for the trip to the "city that never sleeps." Donating 22 gallons of seafood gumbo was Southern Miss alumnus John Bull '86, owner of Barnaby's Restaurant in Long Beach, Miss. Culinary Arts Academy Executive Chef Pam Lewis and CAA students Joe Randolph, Brandon Chisolm and John Trussell transported the gumbo, along with student-made pecan pralines and French bread, to the Big Apple. By the end of the day, appetites were whetted and plans were being made for the return visit in 2002.

IN BRIEF

Chapters Launch New Websites

Update your bookmarks–three Alumni Association chapters recently launched new websites. A wide selection of links, a photo gallery and officer contacts are some of the features offered at the website www.southermissalumni.com, the new website for the Houston chapter. Easy to navigate, the site also includes a link to the Southern Miss youth programs and a link to Southern Miss' online courses.

The North Alabama chapter also launched its new website, usm.salug.org. The user-friendly site offers information about chapter officers and events, area recruiting possibilities and membership opportunities.

The Metro Jackson (Miss.) chapter boasts a new website, www.geocities.com/usmjackson. The site offers visitors valuable chapter links, including news, events and contacts. Additionally, the site provides links to other alumni chapters, Eagle Talk, and the homepages for the University and the Alumni Association.

Homecoming Soccer Game

Alumni visiting Hattiesburg for Homecoming Weekend (October 26-27) are invited to participate in an organized soccer game on Friday night and then to the game on Saturday. The event has been organized for the past three years by Dr. Jaime Orejan '85, '91, '95; Steve Rey with Recreational Sports helps with logistics.

For more information, contact Dr. Orejan by e-mail at Jaime.Orejan@desales.edu or by phone at (610) 282-1100, ext. 1632. Rey can be reached by e-mail at Stephen.Rey@usm.edu or by phone at (601) 266-5405.

Committee, the Executive Committee, and was chairman of the Honors Club. Langton served as vice president for the Southern Miss Alumni Association. He is a director and past chairman of the Advisory Board of the DuBard School for Language Disorders and has been its fundraising campaign chairman since 1990.

Langton has received numerous awards, including the 1997 Non-Rotarian Paul Harris Fellow Award and the 2000 Silver Beaver Award, given by the Pine Burr Area Council of Boy Scouts of America.

Dr. Eugene D. Owens '73, '84, vice president

Owens, who resides in Laurel, received his master's and doctorate in education from Southern Miss; he earned his bachelor's degree from Jackson State University. Owens began his teaching career as a teacher for the Holmes County School District, later moving on to teach for the Laurel School District. During his time with the Laurel School District, he served in several capacities, including principal, director of elementary schools, assistant superintendent and superintendent. He is currently an assistant professor of education at William Carey College in Hattiesburg.

Owens is an active member of his community and has served on the board of directors for numerous organizations, including Crimestoppers of Jones County; Salvation Army; and the Child Abuse Council, Jones County Chapter. He is on the Jones County Chapter of the Southern Miss Alumni Association Board of Directors, and is a member of the Board of Trustees for the Lauren Rogers Museum of Art.

Ron Russell '84, finance committee chairman

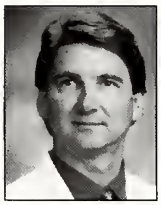
Russell, who lives in Madison, is owner of Russell & Company, a public accounting firm located in Jackson. He specializes in consulting to small businesses as well as providing income tax and financial statement preparation.

A director for the USM Foundation, Russell is also one of the founding directors of the USM Business Advisory Council. Previously, he served as vice president of the Alumni Association, and in 1994, received the association's Outstanding Service Award. An active alumnus, Russell has held offices in the Jackson chapter of the Alumni Association and Eagle Club. He and wife Monica are members of the University's Founder's Society and have established an accounting scholarship at USM.

Russell is a Gideon and a past treasurer for the Jackson Jaycees. A former president of the central chapter of the Mississippi Society of CPAs, Russell also served on the board of governors for the Mississippi State Society of CPAs.

Dr. Don Benefield '82, past president

Benefield received his bachelor of science degree in biology from Southern Miss, and has been in private practice in Gulfport since 1990.



He is also a clinical professor at Tulane Medical School in New Orleans.

Following graduation from Southern Miss, Benefield received his medical degree from Tulane in 1996, and interned at the Louisiana-based Ochsner Hospital in 1987. He completed his residency in 1990 at Tulane Ophthalmology.

Benefield is past president of the Mississippi Gulf Coast Metro chapter of the Alumni Association and served on the International Board of Directors for the association from 1994-96. He is also a member of the Eagle Club, Honor Club and President's Circle.

Following is an introduction of new members of the board of directors.

M. J. "Trey" Bobinger III '84

Bobinger, who resides in Madison, graduated with highest honors from Southern Miss with a bachelor of science degree in economics. He received his juris doctorate from Mississippi College School of Law, where he was a Dean's List Scholar. Bobinger served five years as executive director of the Attorney General's Consumer Protection Division. He advanced to Deputy Attorney General, serving as Attorney General Mike Moore's chief of staff, legislative liaison and spokesperson.

In 1999, Bobinger left Moore's staff to manage Amy Tuck's successful campaign for lieutenant governor. After Tuck's win, he worked with Corporate Relations Management LLC, a Jackson-based governmental affairs and political consulting firm. In 2001, Bobinger started his own governmental affairs firm, Point One Strategies LLC, in addition to practicing law.

Bobinger is a member of the Mississippi Bar Association, the Mississippi Prosecutors Association and the Mississippi Law Enforcement Officers Association.

Elijah Jones '77

A Hattiesburg native, Jones '77 received a bachelor's degree in Radio/Television/Film from Southern Miss. He worked for fitness guru Richard Simmons in Los Angeles from 1982-94, serving as Simmons' personal assistant. In 1994, Jones returned to Hattiesburg, where he continues his work as a writer for Simmons on a number of projects.

Jones is a past member of the USM Foundation Board of Directors, served on the Clyde Kennard Scholarship Fund Committee as well as on the President's Blue Ribbon Commission on the Future of the University.

In addition, Jones is a member of the Hattiesburg Arts Council, the Hattiesburg Historic Conservation Commission and was recently appointed by the City Council to serve on the Hattiesburg Tree Board.

Rex E. Kelly '80

Kelly is director of corporate communications for Mississippi Power Company in Gulfport. Under his direction, Mississippi Power's Corporate Communications Department has been named Communicator of the Year by Utility Communicators International five times over the last 11 years.

Kelly is a director for Leadership Gulf Coast and chairs the judging panel for Leadership Mississippi. He is a past president of the Public Relations Association of Mississippi and has served as a director of the Southern Public Relations Federation. Kelly received the Professional Achievement Award for the Public Relations Association of Mississippi and is active in the Mississippi Economic Council, having most recently served as chairman of the Council on Member Relations. Kelly has served as corporate chairman for the American Heart Association and is a director of The Peoples Bank of Biloxi, Miss.

Michael Marks '77, '79

Marks recently earned an executive committee seat with the National Education Association. He currently serves the NEA as director of Southeastern States for the Black Caucus and is a member of the National Advisory Committee on Unity. Additionally, Marks is the past president of the Mississippi Association of Educators. Prior to working for the NEA, he was an instructor of debate, oral communication and drama at Hattiesburg High School (1988-1997) and an instructor of forensics for the University of Iowa (summer 1993). Marks worked for Perry Central High School as an instructor of oral communication and musical theatre (1983-88); for Lumberton High School as instructor of oral communication and English (1979-83); and for Southern Miss as instructor of Freshman Public Address (1978-79).

Some of his awards include America's Outstanding Teacher in the Prforming Arts and America's Outstanding Performing Arts School (1996); the Miliken National Educator Award (1994); and Mississippi Power Foundation's Alan R. Barton Award for Excellence in Teaching (1993).

Michael V. Ratliff '78

After graduating magna cum laude from Southern Miss, Ratliff received his juris doctorate degree from the University of Mississippi School of Law in 1981. He has practiced law in Hattiesburg since 1981 and is a partner in the firm of Johnson, Hall & Ratliff.

Ratliff is a member of several professional organizations, including the Mississippi State Bar, South Central Mississippi Bar Association, American Bar Association and American Trial Lawyers Association. He is a past president of Young Lawyers Section of the South Central Mississippi Bar Association and is a municipal judge pro temp. He is also a state bond attorney for Mississippi.

An active member of the Rotary Club of Hattiesburg, Ratliff is a former president of the club, served as chairman of its district conference in 1997, and was assistant governor district 6840 from 1997-2001. He is a member of the inaugural class of the Area Development Partnership Leaders for a New Century (1989), serving as co-chair (1993-94, 1999-2000) and participating on the steering committee (1999-2000). He received the ADP's Service Award in 2000.

Robin J. Robinson '78

Robinson, who resides in Laurel, is director of organization development and corporate communications at Sanderson Farms Inc., where she has been since graduating from USM.

While at Southern Miss, Robinson participated in "Southern Style," served as student body senator and was president of Phi Beta Lambda. Robinson has remained active with the University, serving as president of the Jones County chapter of the Alumni Association (1988-89 and 2000-01) and serving as a member of the Annual Fund Committee (1987-89).

Currently, Robinson serves by appointment to the Southern Growth Policy Board and to the Mississippi Judicial Advisory Study Committee.

She served as chairman of the Board of Directors and national president of Business and Professional Women/USA (1999-2000), and she also served as president of the Mississippi Federation of Business and Professional Women in 1989. Robinson was chairman of the Board of Trustees for the BPW/USA Foundation (1999-2000).

Don Smith '66

Smith, a Meridian native, graduated from The University of Southern Mississippi with a bachelor of science degree in mathematics. Following graduation, Smith joined the U.S. Army, completed Officer Candidate School and was commissioned as a second lieutenant in the Corp of Engineers. He achieved the rank of first lieutenant before completing his military duty.

In 1969, Smith joined Connecticut General Life Insurance Company as a management trainee. He retired from the company in 1999 as senior vice president of sales for its Healthcare Division. Since retiring, Smith and his wife, Pam, have split their time between Marietta, Ga., and Destin, Fla.

Smith is very involved with Southern Miss and is as a member of Circle of Champions and Eagle Club. Additionally, he serves as Eagle Club district director for Georgia and is a Business Advisory Council member for the College of Business. The Smiths represent Georgia for the Campaign for Southern Miss; Pam also serves on the Advisory Council for the Frances A. Karnes Center for Gifted Studies.

Phi Kappa Tau Alumni Golf Tournament

The men of Phi Kappa Tau fraternity are hosting their fifth annual golf tournament on October 26 at Shadowridge Golf Course in Hattiesburg. All Phi Tau alumni and Phi Tau little sisters are invited to attend.

For more information, contact Kerry Ward at (800) 982-0692, ext. 2448, or Kevin Holbrook at (601) 264-0330 or via e-mail at kholbrook@sfbcic.com.

Alumni Association Changes Membership Year

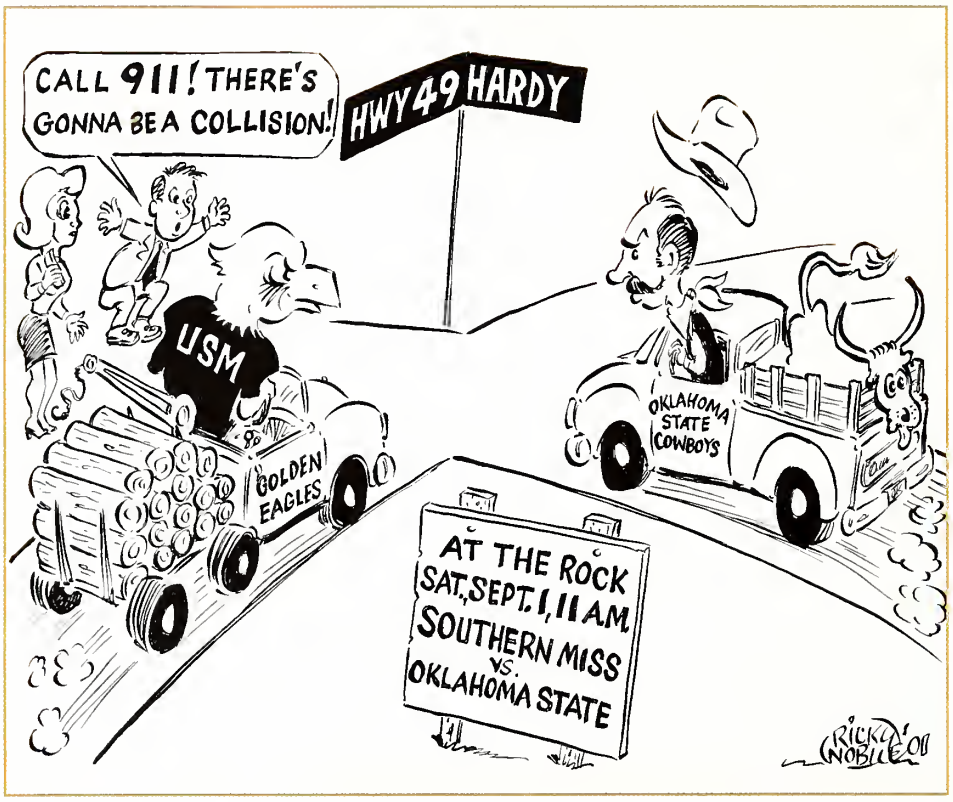
Beginning July 1, 2001, the Alumni Association changed its annual membership dues year, currently from July 1 to June 30 of each year, to a rolling 12-month membership. This means that whenever you join the Alumni Association, you will receive 12 full months of membership from the date the membership is processed.

This change was implemented at the request of the Alumni Association Membership Committee, which was appointed to study the membership dues structure by the Executive Committee more than a year-and-a-half ago.

"The reason for the delay was that we needed a system in place that could track our members' expiration dates monthly and also give us the ability to send out renewal notices in a timely manner for those memberships expiring during a particular month. The new PeopleSoft database that the Advancement area converted to last year now gives us that option. It has taken several months since our conversion to ensure that the monthly renewal system would perform satisfactorily," said Associate Director Mark Boyles.

The new membership year format will mean that Alumni Association members will receive up to three renewal notices: 60 days prior to their expiration month, 30 days prior to their expiration month and 30 days after their month expires as a final reminder.

Any Alumni Association member who would like more information on the new membership year format is encouraged to contact the association office via e-mail at alumni@usm.edu or by phone at (601) 266-5013.



Game Time Changes Announced

Changes have been made to the 2001 football schedule involving televised games that require different starting times.

The September 1 season-opener against Oklahoma State has been moved from 6 p.m. to 11 a.m.; the November 23 game at East Carolina has been moved from 6 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.; and the regular season finale against Texas Christian has been moved from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Four Golden Eagles Taken in NFL Draft

In one of its most successful senior classes, Southern Miss had eight players to sign contracts to play in the National Football League.

Four players were tapped to join the professional ranks after being drafted in the 2001 National Football League's Amateur Draft. Cedric Scott (DE), selected in the fourth round by the New York Giants, was the first Golden Eagle to be taken. Raymond Walls (DB) was selected in the fifth round by the Indianapolis Colts; the Dallas Cowboys selected Daleroy Stewart (DL) in the sixth round and John Nix (DL) in the seventh round.

Four Golden Eagles signed free agent contracts. Leo Barnes signed with the Tennessee Titans, and Shawn Mills signed with the Atlanta Falcons. Keon Moore and DeQuincy Scott both signed with the San Diego Chargers.

C. SCOTT

R. WALLS

D. STEWART

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GOLDEN EAGLE PROfile

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TODD PINKSTON

NO. 87 • WIDE RECEIVER
PHILADELPHIA EAGLES

Known as a speedy and dependable receiver, Pinkston played in all 16 regular season games and both playoff contests during the 2000 season, sharing the #3 wide receiver role. Started one game during the 2000 season (at Green Bay) and finished with 10 catches for 181 yards. His 18.1 yards-per-catch was the best on the club. During week 14 of the 2000 season, versus Tennessee, Pinkston had a 45-yard reception on the Eagles' final drive to set up the go-ahead touchdown. He had a breakout game against Cleveland that next week, with two catches for 56 yards, including a 42-yarder. Finished his four-year career at Southern Miss ranked second in all major receiving categories, with 149 catches for 2,366 yards and 22 touchdowns. Made at least one catch in his last 41 collegiate games. As a senior, he led the Golden Eagles with 48 receptions for 977 yards and 11 touchdowns en route to third team All-American honors.

Rawson Signs with Cardinals

Southern Miss pitcher Anthony Rawson, drafted in the 42nd round by the St. Louis Cardinals, has signed and reported to rookie camp. He begins his professional career in the rookie league as a member of the Johnson City Cardinals in Johnson City, Tenn.

Rawson transferred to Southern Miss after spending two seasons at Meridian Community College. This past season, he made 29 appearances, pitching in 38.1 innings and finishing with a 2-0 record, earning six saves and having a 3.52 earned run average. He struck out 47 batters and walked 24. Opposing batters hit .201 against him last season.

Junior College Standout Signs with Lady Eagle Basketball

Junior college All-Star Kelly Parkerson signed a national letter of intent for the 2001-2002 academic year with the Lady Eagles basketball team, Head Coach Rick Reeves said.

Parkerson, a guard, played at Volunteer State Community College in Gallatin, Tenn., where this past year she averaged 12.5 points, 3.9 rebounds, 4.0 assists and 2.5 steals per game. She was named to the Tennessee Junior College Athletic Association's All-Western division for two years, and won the three-point shooting contest at the 2001 all-star game.

Hurdler Places Fifth at NCAA Track and Field Championships

Southern Miss hurdler Wenston Riley earned his second straight NCAA All-American honor after finishing fifth in the 110-meter high hurdles at the NCAA Track and Field Championships in Eugene, Ore., in June. Riley said he did not run the race he expected, but finished fifth in the finals with a time of 14.03.

"I am happy I finished, but by no means am I satisfied," Riley said. "I am happy I was able to keep my balance and finish the race, which was important. This definitely was an ugly race."

Athletic Department Honors Team of the Century

SouthernMiss All Century Football Team

The Athletic Department recently named its Southern Miss Football Team of the Century presented by Cellular One, a squad that represents nearly every era of Golden Eagle athletic history. These players are honored as the greatest players in the history of the program and are noted for their ability to be successful, regardless of the circumstances.

Players were selected based on four criteria: (1) voting through the athletic department's website, SouthernMiss.com; (2) in-stadium voting during the November 24, 2000, game against East Carolina; (3) voting of a select committee of former players, administrators and coaches; and (4) recommendations of former players and coaches.

The exclusive team will be honored during ceremonies at the Southern Miss-UAB football game at M. M. Roberts Stadium on September 29.

MEMBERS OF THIS TEAM INCLUDE

— Quarterbacks Brett Favre (1987-90) and Reggie Collier (1979-82)
— Left halfs Derrick Nix (1998-Present) and Bubba Phillips (1947-50)
— Right halfs Sammy Winder (1978-81) and Hugh Lauren Pepper (1952-53)
— Fullback Bucky McElroy (1951-53)
— Guards Amos Fowler (1975-77) and Hamp Cook (1952-54)
— Center Richard Johnson (1956-58)
— Tackles Glen Howe (1980-83) and Don Owens (1953-56)
— Wide receivers Louis Lipps (1980-83) and Sherrod Gideon (1996-99)
— Ends Cliff Coggin (1948-49) and Bob Yencho (1955-58)
— Tight end Marvin Harvey (1977-80)
— Linebackers Ron "Clump" Taylor (1976-79), Ken Avery (1964-66), Doug Satcher (1963-65) and Harold Hays (1960-62)
— Defensive line Jerald Baylis (1980-83), Richard Byrd (1981-84), Don Hultz (1960-62) and P.W. Underwood (1954-56)
— Defensive ends Adalius Thomas (1996-99) and Fred Cook (1971-73)
— Cornerbacks Hanford Dixon (1977-80) and Patrick Surtain (1994-97)
— Safeties Bud Brown (1980-83) and Tommy Walters (1962-63)
— Punter Ray Guy (1970-72)
— Kicker Steve Clark (1981-83)
— Punt returner James Henry (1986-88)
— Kickoff returner Tony Smith (1989-91)

THE SPECIAL RECOGNITION TEAM INCLUDES

— Ends Bill Boling (1951-54), C.J. "Pete" Taylor (1941, 1946), Hugh McInnis (1959-60), Hub Waters (1952-54), Bob McKellar (1950-52), George Westerfield (1936-38), Jay Smith (1946-47) and Elmo Lang (1951-52).
— Guards Randy Butler (1976-78), A.J. "Red" Mangum (1946-48), Curley Dement (1941, 1946), Chafan Marsh (1988-91), Nick Kolinsky (1961-63) and Reginald Switzer (1939-40).
— Centers Melvin "Hank" Autry (1966-68), Frank Firestone (1997-98), Melvin "Pel" Autry (1939-41), Jimmy Haynes (1969-71), Steve Carmody (1980-83), Jamey Watson (1977-80), Les Clark (1953-55), Andy Webb (1937-38) and Charley Ellzey (1957-59).
— Tackles Marvin Breazeale (1961-62), John T. Russell (1956-58), Wesley Clark (1953-55), Chris Ryals (1988-91), Buddy King (1986-89), Bucky Waters (1941,46-47) and John Perkins (1957-58).
— Tight end Jim Brown (1979-81, 83), Raymond Powell (1979-82), Preston Hansford (1986-89), John Sawyer (1972-74), Larry Harrington Jr. (1976-78), Robert Ray Stallings (1982-85) and Mike Landrum (1982-83).
— Wideouts Cliff Coggin (1948-49), Todd Pinkston (1996-99), Lionel Fayard (1968-70), Greg Reed (1988-92), Billy Mikel (1968-70) and Darryl Tillman (1986-89).
— Quarterbacks Jeff Bower (1973-75), Billy Jarrell (1952-53), Tommy Boutwell (1967-68), Buddy Palazzo (1970-72), Jim Davenport (1952-54), Vic Purvis (1963-65), Rick Donegan (1969-71), Lee Roberts (1995-98), Don Fuell (1959-61), George Sekul (1957-58), George Herring (1954-55) and J.C. Arban (1955-58).
— Tailbacks J.C. Arban (1955-58), Larry Moulton (1968-70), Sam Dejarnette (1982-84), Harold Shaw (1994-97), Ben "Go-Go" Garry (1974-77) and Johnny Sklopan (1960-62).
— Fullbacks Neal Alexander (1980-83), Milo McCarthy (1965-67), Harmon Brannon (1963-64), Lawrence Meeks (1954-57), Bo Dickinson (1956-57) and Clemon Terrell (1980-83).
— Line Rex Barnes (1967-69), D.C Leech (1923-24), Pat Ferlise (1951-52), Stoney Parker (1975-78), John Mangum (1964-65), Poochie Stringfellow (1964-66) and J. Hugh Mitchell (1953-54).
— Ends Jackson Brumfield (1951-53), Tommy Roussel (1965-67), Dick Caldwell (1951-53), George Tillman (1979-82) and Curry Juneau (1954-57).
— Linebackers Ron Cheatham (1972-75), Eddie Kauchick (1949-51), Sidney Coleman (1984-87), Marchant Kenney (1994-97), Mike Dennery (1971-74), T.J. Slaughter (1995-99) and Onesimus Henry (1984-87).
— Cornerbacks Carl Allen (1974-75), Norris Thomas (1972-75), Simmie Carter (1987-90), Rod Thomas (1993-95) and Bruce Miller (1980-83).
— Safeties Chuck Cook (1977-80), Morris Meador (1959-61), Mike Crenshaw (1976-78), Tommy Morrow (1958-60), Billy Devrow (1964-66), Kerry Valrie (1987-90) and Craig Logan (1969-71).
— Punt Return Perry Carter (1990-93), Bobby Holmes (1949-50), Ricky Floyd (1978-81) and Andrew Mott (1983-86).
— Kicker Rex Banks (1984-86), Johnny Lomoro (1992-95), Webb Farrish (1950-51), Chris Pierce (1994-95), Tim Hardaway (1987-90) and Ricky Palmer (1961-62).
— Punter Jerrel Wilson (1961-62), Billy Knighten (1985-86), Scott Bryant (1988-91), Bruce Thompson (1979-82), Dickie Dunaway (1964-66) and Mike Wright (1976-78).

Athletic Foundation Begins

We are embarking on a new era in athletic fund-raising at Southern Miss. The Southern Miss Athletic Foundation has begun with the official transfer of assets July 1, 2001. Formed July 1, 2000, the Athletic Foundation received its 501 (c) 3 status as a not-for-profit organization in December. The Athletic Foundation will assume all financial activities associated with athletic giving (both major gift fund-raising and the annual giving received under the Eagle Club umbrella). The cooperation between the University Foundation and the Athletic Foundation will continue to be as strong as ever.

Southern Miss Rocks the Coast

Many new activities have been created to increase the ties between our University alumni and the Athletic Department. The inaugural Rock the Coast weekend was a great success. The weekend started with a reception hosted by the Beau Rivage that honored our Circle of Champions. Clymer Wright of Houston summed up the event best when he said, "This is the greatest Southern Miss event ever. I saw old friends and met so many new friends, all of whom believe in our University and want to enhance it."

Saturday was a fun-filled day, starting with Athletic Foundation meetings and ending with the Rock the Coast dance in the Magnolia Ballroom at the Beau Rivage. More than 230 fans, some from as far away as Florida, Houston and Memphis, attended the Saturday brunch. In addition to Athletic Director Richard Giannini, other guest speakers included coaches Jeff Bower and James Green, and the commissioner of C-USA, Mike Slive. Slive outlined the long-range plan for C-USA, saying he hoped our growth as a conference would lead to future inclusion in the BCS. Also in attendance were Todd Pinkston and Adailus Thomas, who spoke about the importance of their education and their love for Southern Miss.

Saturday afternoon, the President Casino Broadwater Resort Golf Club hosted our golf outing. Local golfers such as Billy Walker, Mike Purvis, Mark Barhanovich and Sonny Barq had an advantage over out-of-town golfers such as Bill Ward of Mobile, Ala., Don Smith of Atlanta, Krandell Howell of McComb, and Dick Vogel, who had no idea that the course had "water trap" fairways.

Many Southern Miss faithful kicked off Saturday night with a boat reception hosted by Bobby Tucker, followed by the "Lord of the Dance" show at the Beau Rivage. Following these activities, everyone rocked the night away at the Southern Miss dance. So successful was the weekend that we are already working on next year's event.

2001 Eagle Club Continues to Set Donation Records

Thanks to the great support of our loyal and dedicated fan base, the 2001 Eagle Club has reached its target goal of raising $1.475 million. Words alone cannot express our appreciation to our dedicated core group of fans who have made this possible. It is not too late to join the group, and, there is still time to purchase football and basketball season tickets. Great seats and plenty of parking are still available.

Upcoming Eagle Club/Alumni Events

The annual James Ray Carpenter Golf Tournament will take place on August 31 at Mississippi's only 4 1/2 stars *Golf Digest*-rated golf course, Timberton. The tournament, a four-person scramble, will feature our Head Basketball Coach James Green and his staff, along with other celebrities. This is a great kick-off to the season as we open with Oklahoma State on September 1 at 11 a.m. The tournament has several key sponsors, including Dr. Mike Molleston, Forrest General Hospital and Sam's Town of Tunica, Miss. To reserve an individual spot, a four-person team or to play with a basketball coach, call the Eagle Club today at (601) 266-5299.

JEFF BOWER, HEAD FOOTBALL COACH, AND HIS WIFE, DEBBIE, ENJOY THE COACHES BRUNCH DURING ROCK THE COAST WEEKEND 2001.

GERRI KEY AND LARRY AND ELIZABETH PAYNE SPEND TIME WITH OTHER GOLDEN EAGLES AT THE COACHES BRUNCH DURING ROCK THE COAST WEEKEND 2001.

Make your plans now to make the Memphis football game a Southern Miss Home Game! Game day is Saturday, October 6 at 7 p.m.

Sam's Town Hotel in nearby Tunica is offering a Golden Eagle Club Special rate that includes buffet meals and transportation to and from the game from the hotel. Cost will be $69 per night plus tax, and rooms are available for both October 5 and 6. Additionally, they will host our Southern Miss Alumni pep rally on October 5. Call the Eagle Club today for additional information at (601)266-5299.

Southern Miss Memories

BY SCOTT HERRIN '96, '99

(Left) Herrin, right, and brother Layne '96 at a Southern Miss vs. Tulane basketball game. (Below) Herrin sits outside of the Phi Kappa Tau house with friend Katie Theard during Homecoming 1999.

"Dean Herrin has cancelled class!"

That was always my favorite thing to hear when I was in college at Southern Miss. In my second year at Southern Miss, I was the self-appointed Dean Herrin, kind of like Howard Stern appointed himself King of All Media. I took my new role with the University very seriously. I would only cancel class if it were pouring down rain. After all, it was a long walk from the Phi Tau house to the HPR building. But soon, I began to abuse my power. For instance, if it looked like it might rain, I would announce, "Dean Herrin has cancelled class!" In the spring, if it were just too sunny outside, class would have to be cancelled. Sometimes on Thursday nights, Dean Herrin would have the wisdom to go ahead and cancel classes for Friday.

After a few years, Dean Herrin settled down and almost retired. I started working for Paul Batchelder in the Athletic Department as a practicum student. Paul had this great idea for marketing the basketball games on campus. We would decorate a truck with the "dot" posters and ride around with a microphone, yelling at students to go to the game. What a great opportunity for the rest of the campus to meet Dean Herrin. "Dean Herrin has cancelled classes due to the basketball game. All you have to do is take your ticket stub to your teacher, and that will serve as a class excuse. If you don't believe me, call Dean Herrin at 5281." That phone number was Paul's office number, and we actually received a few calls inquiring about classes being cancelled.

One of Dean Herrin's favorite things to yell was, "If 500 students show up to the game, Dr. Fleming will shave his head!" Needless to say, Dean Herrin's antics led to the Southern Miss noise policy, and Paul's great marketing idea could only be done on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 12:20 to 12:50.

I have so many other great memories at Southern Miss. Becoming a member of Phi Kappa Tau is up there with the best of them. I can remember how much I loved the Commons–not just for the food, but for the wonderful sights as well. Kevin Holbrook and I used to see how long we could actually stay in the Commons. I think the current Phi Tau record still stands at 6 hours, 43 minutes. I can remember Chris Eaton and I competing in a weight-gaining contest. That smart decision is probably my one regret of my college career; I am still trying to work off those pounds.

Southern Miss road trips! My brother and I hated going to games at Auburn because the stadium had fiberglass seats, and when we sat on them, we had little prickly things that stuck in our legs for about a week. We had decided we were not going to go to Auburn, when late Friday night, my brother called me and said, "Scott, we have to go." Layne was right; we had to go. We left early Saturday morning for our trek to Auburn. We scalped tickets and sat in the middle of the Auburn fans. We were very quiet all during the game as we listened to the Auburn fans call us the Golden Chickens. At the start of the fourth quarter my brother said, "Scott, their players are spent. We are going to win this game." And we did win the game. Then, it was time for the Golden Chickens to celebrate among the Auburn faithful. Because of the noise my brother and I made in the stands, Auburn dropped Southern Miss from its football schedule and refused to play us anymore. At least that is the way Layne and I see it.

I remember driving in a rainstorm with my mother to a Southern Miss game in Louisville. We won the football game, the conference championship and the right to play in the Liberty Bowl. After the game, we went down to the locker room, and the pep band was playing "Amazing Grace." It was probably one of the best football memories I have. And to top it all off, John L. Smith was heard whining over the speakers about the "trick play."

Going to the Women's College World Series two years in a row with my father was another great experience. We got to see some incredible softball games. I am one of a few people who has witnessed a perfect game in a College World Series. What makes it even more special is that a Southern Miss pitcher threw it.

Getting offered a job to work at Southern Miss will always top my list of memories. Not only would I be an academic counselor for the athletes, my office would be in "The Rock." Of course, I jumped at the chance. Sure, my office is a little hot, but it is in "The Rock," and yours isn't.

These are just a few memories that I have of Southern Miss. I have many more and could write for days but I encourage each of you to share your memories with others so that we all remember Southern Miss fondly.

If you have a Southern Miss memory you would like to share, please send it to The Talon, *c/o Southern Miss Alumni Association, Box 5013, Hattiesburg, MS 39406. Or, you can e-mail it to alumni@usm.edu.* The Talon *reserves the right to edit stories for content and length.*

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Exciting things are happening to Southern Miss alumni, and now is your chance to catch up on the news and accomplishments of your fellow Golden Eagles. While you're at it, check out our new additions to the Class Notes section, Alumni Almanac and Alumni Authors. To submit your news to *The Talon*, please send your information to Box 5013, Hattiesburg, MS 39406, or e-mail it to alumni@usm.edu. For inclusion in the next issue, please send us your information by September 15.

1950S

TOMMY MUNRO '53, president of Munro Petroleum and Terminal Corp. in Biloxi, was recently inducted into the Mississippi Business Hall of Fame.

SUE ROSS '57 of Gautier was recently inducted into the Hall of Fame of the National Junior College Athletic Association for her outstanding success as a junior college basketball coach.

WALT TURNER '57 of Vallejo, Calif., retired in June 2000 after teaching in California for 41 years.

1960S

F. WAYNE ADAMS '61, '75 retired from Troy State University in 1988 and from Missouri Southern on June 1, 2001, where he served as a professor and directed the Environmental Health Program, one of only 24 accredited programs in the nation. He and his wife, Yvonne, plan to move back to the Hattiesburg area.

JAMES BOURNE '61, a CPA, recently retired from the Defense Contract Audit Agency as a regional audit manager after a 39-year career with the federal government. He resides with his wife in the Austin, Texas, area.

WILLIAM J. DOHERTY '62 and **FRANCES P. DOHERTY '64** opened Doherty's Furniture and Bedding in Hattiesburg in September 2000.

MARY LOU LOTT '66, '73, a music instructor at Hinds Community College, was recently selected as the Teacher of the Year by the Gamma Lambda Chapter at Hinds.

HAL MCLEOD '67 was recently promoted to senior vice president of sales and marketing for HEALTHPOINT's Tissue Management Division in Fort Worth, Texas (PHOTO).

PERRY WAYNE MARTIN, SR. '69 of Hoover, Ala., retired from the FBI as a supervisor special agent on June 30, 1998, after 23 years of service. He then served as director of corporate security for Sinclair Oil before his current position as president of Investigations Corporation of Alabama Inc. in Birmingham, Ala.

1970S

JOE GARVIN '70 was recently named head softball coach at William Carey College. He also serves as William Carey's director of Student Support Services.

HUGO W. "BILL" WALTON '70 of Jacksonville, Fla., was recently elected vice president of Human Resources and Quality for Florida Rock Industries Inc. (PHOTO).

CARL AYCOCK '71 of Brookhaven recently joined the board of directors for Knobias, a Ridgeland company that provides data on penny stocks.

DEBBYE MOORE DABBS '71 of Madison recently published her fifth cookbook, "Take 5, For Every Occasion." (PHOTO)

DANNY DUNNAWAY '71 of Brookhaven recently joined the board of directors for Knobias, a Ridgeland company that provides data on penny stocks.

RON HANNA '72 retired from the Mississippi Insurance Department in February 2001 as deputy insurance commissioner for the state of Mississippi following 26 years of service. He is now employed as the chief operating officer for the Alabama Insurance Underwriting Association (Alabama "Beachpool").

GEORGE and **JANE BAXTER '72** have all three daughters attending Southern Miss this fall semester. Jacqueline Rose will enter as a freshman from Purvis High School, Maggie Georgianna will transfer as a sophomore from Pearl River Community College, and Sayward Jane will be a senior majoring in speech/communications. (PHOTO)

JIMMY W. TYRONE '74 was recently promoted to vice president and branch manager of Lamar Bank in Prentiss.

JESSIE HAYNES '76 of Beaumont, Texas, recently published "10 Stupid Things College Kids Do." (PHOTO).

ELVIN WHITESIDES '76 of West Hollywood, Calif., recently appeared as Dylan Thomas in "Dylan's Ghost" at Coast Playhouse in West Hollywood. He has also appeared on NBC's "Frasier," publishes poetry, is an award-winning documentary filmmaker, and manages the Bing Theatre at the Los Angeles County Museum of Art.

1980S

DR. JOHN GUICE '82, a physician with the Urological Associates of South Mississippi, was recently selected as an advisory board member of SouthTrust Bank.

ELIZABETH "LIBBY" DOSSETT '83 recently joined Lamar Bank as assistant vice president and loan operations supervisor.

CAPT. ANDREW R. ENGLISH '84, '87 recently published "All Off for Gordon's Station: A History of the Early Hattiesburg, Mississippi Area."

BILL MUNN '85, founder of William Munn & Associates, a professional search and recruiting firm of accounting, finance and banking professionals located in Birmingham, Ala., has established a new division for temporary staffing services. The firm has also been accepted into the American Association of Finance and Accounting Search Firms (AAFA). (PHOTO).

GAYE MAGEE '86 was recently named management supervisor for the Los Angeles office of the advertising agency, J. Walter Thompson Company, USA. She previously held positions in JWT's Baltimore and Dallas offices.

KAREN HOSELLE '88 of Long Beach was recently promoted to operations officer at Hancock Bank.

DAN DRANE '88, '99, '01 recently received his Ph.D. in Human Performance Administration from Southern Miss. He is the director of the new Professional Golf Management Program at Clemson University.

J. RONALD OSWALT '89, director of prospective patients, public relations and marketing at the Burzynski Cancer Clinic, has been lecturing with the Mississippi Health Care Center. He also serves as vice president of the Houston, Texas, chapter of the Alumni Association.

1990S

KELLY SOUTHERN '90 was recently promoted to marketing director for Lamar Bank.

KELLY RAMSAY O'NEAL III '91 received the doctor of medicine degree from the School of Medicine of the University of Mississippi Medical Center, Jackson.

JOHN R. GOFF '92 was recently promoted to senior vice president at Keesler Federal Credit Union.

JOSEPH "JOE" R. MAY '93 of Madison has joined the Jackson office of the C.P.A. firm Smith, Turner & Reeves as an audit manager.

CHRISTOPHER F. DOBBINS '94 recently graduated cum laude from Mississippi College School of Law.

PATRICK JOHNSON '94, marketing manager for the RJA Group, global and fire consultants headquartered in Chicago, has also been named director of sales and marketing for the company's new subsidiary and tasked with developing sales and distribution channels for their training programs product lines.

CHRIS CROFT '95, '96, assistant coach for men's basketball at Washington State, served as the head coach for a college all-star team touring New Zealand, May 21-June 1.

DR. ROBERT E. GRUBB JR. '95 recently received the Pickens-Queen Teaching Award at Marshall University in Huntington, W. Va., and also received a promotion to associate professor in the Department of Criminal Justice. He is married to **DR. K. VIRGINIA HEMBY '91, '92, '95**, who is an associate professor in the Department of Technology Support and Training at Indiana University of Pennsylvania. Dr. Hemby was recently honored with induction into the International Who's Who of Professionals.

ERNEST MATTHEW QUIN '95 recently received the doctor of medicine degree from the School of Medicine at the University Medical Center, Jackson.

TONY J. REITH JR. '96 is an inspector with U.S. Customs. He resides in Yuma, Ariz., with his wife **ATHENA LAVIN-REITH '96**.

MELISSA RAE WILLIAMSON '96 has received her medical degree magna cum laude from the School of Medicine of the University of Mississippi Medical Center, Jackson.

THOMAS A. BAKER III '97 graduated cum laude from Loyola University New Orleans School of Law in May. Ranked in the top ten percent of his class, he graduated a Crowe Scholar. Baker will begin practicing with Middleberg, Riddle & Gianna in September.

DANA E. DALE '97 received the doctor of medicine degree from the School of Medicine of the University of Mississippi Medical Center, Jackson.

DONALD E. CAMPBELL '98 recently graduated summa cum laude from the Mississippi College School of Law.

TROY FARRELL ODOM '98 was named executive articles editor of the *Mississippi Law Journal* for his final year in law school at Ole Miss. He is also an executive board member of the Moot Court Board and treasurer of the law school's student body.

WES ROUSE '98 of Hattiesburg has joined BancorpSouth as a management trainee.

BEN GLASSOCK '99 of Vicksburg has joined the staff of May & Company in Vicksburg.

ANDREW JOHNSON '99 of Hattiesburg serves as a commercial lender for BancorpSouth.

PAMELA KINDJA LADNER '99 was recently promoted to library director for Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College, Jackson County campus.

EDITH LOUISE GRIFFIN '99 was recently promoted to branch manager for Wells Fargo Financial in Daphne, Ala.

TIM MATUSHESKI '99, a second-year law student, recently received an alumni scholarship at the Rutgers University School of Law at Camden.

AMY E. NEWELL '99 serves as the director of Patient Services at the Specialty Hospital of Meridian.

MARRIAGES

RENEE HOMEYER '88 and Kevin Butts were married on February 14, 2001. The couple resides in Memphis, Tenn., where she is the office manager of the Show Place Arena. (PHOTO).

ROLAND MERRILL JOHNSON '93 and Michelle Elizabeth Graves were married June 16, 2001.

WALTER WILLIAM DENTON '96 and Courtney Jane Winston were married June 30, 2001.

WILLIAM "BILL" PARKER '96, '00 and **GRETCHEN ZEHENDER '97** were married April 21, 2001. Bill is a system administrator for OTR at Southern Miss.

VICKIE D. BLAKELY '97 and Michael L. Reed were married May 26, 2001.

KARON CLARK '97 and William E. Warren Jr. were married August 17, 2001, in Holly Springs, Ga.

HEATHER JO "JOJO" MORRIS '97 and **GLEN FRANKLIN BRADY JR. '97** were married June 16, 2001.

CATHERINE JANET PREVOST '97 and Burkett Guy Martin were married January 20, 2001.

RENAE ROBERTS '97 and Charles Flynn Weatherford were married June 23, 2001.

JENNIFER ANNE WIGGINS '97 and David Goree were married June 16, 2001.

HOLLY SHAREE CALCOTE '98 and Andy Stoddard were married March 10, 2001.

RYAN W. CURRY '98 and **CRISTINA BOURGOYNE '01** were married June 16, 2001.

JENNIFER WHITE '98 and David Wiggington were married on August 19, 2000. The couple resides in Starkville, where he is a quality engineer at True Temper Sports, and she is pursuing a Master of Science degree in information systems at Mississippi State University. Jennifer serves as a graduate assistant in the College of Business and Industry.

NATASHA LEAH BREAKFIELD '99 and Benjamin Alan Baughman were married June 9, 2001.

COURTNEY LYNN HOGUE '99 and Gregory Brinker Gullung were married May 26, 2001.

DUSTIN J. OUBRE '99 and **HEATHER R. SINGLETON '99** were married April 28, 2001. The couple resides in Colorado Springs, Colo., where he works as a sales representative for Ferguson Ent. Inc., and she works as a design consultant.

TONYA F. WILLIAMSON '99 and Ryan L. Statts were married June 2, 2001.

TODD H. DAVIS '00 and Marla Pitts were married June 9, 2001. He is employed by Baker Hughes Inteq of New Orleans, and she will graduate from Southern Miss in December 2001.

MARY ANN EDWARDS '00 and Dr. Brian K. Twedt were married November 20, 1999. She is currently pursuing her master's degree in interior design at Florida State University.

AMY MARIE UPDEGRAFF '00 and Thomas Clifton Smith were married June 30, 2001.

MICHELE SCHOWALTER '00 and Jack Matheny, a graphic design student, were married in May 2001.

WILLIAM TODD WEILAND '00 and Elizabeth Irwin were married June 9, 2001.

BRIAN H. JONES '01 and Angela McArthur were married June 16, 2001.

BIRTHS

DENISE HUDSON MCLAURIN '85 and **JOHN WILLIAM "BILL" MCLAURIN JR. '93** of Hattiesburg announce the birth of their daughter, Erin Elise, born on November 29, 2000.

CRAIG FRYE '86 and **KELLEY KING FRYE '90** of Gautier announce the birth of their son, Paul Saunders, born on February 2, 2001. He is welcomed by big brother Reid.

RHONDA FAIRLEY BROTHERTON '86 and David Brotherton of Oak Hill, Va., announce the birth of their son, William Henry, born on November 29, 2000. He is welcomed by big brother Matthew.

ROBBY EDWARDS '86 and Apryl Edwards of Prairie Grove, Ark., announce the birth of their daughter, Josie Christian, born on June 13, 2001. She is welcomed by siblings Aubrey and Cara.

JENNIFER R. BARNHILL '87 of Charlotte, N.C., announces the birth of her daughter, Casey Renee, born on February 4, 2001.

BRAD GRIFFIN '87 and Keri Griffin of Clinton announce the birth of their son, Peyton James, born on April 5, 2001.

ASHLEY FARRON MCWILLIAMS '87, '88 and Jerry McWilliams of Kennesaw, Ga., announce the birth of their son, Miller Farron, born on November 4, 2001. Jerry is the manager of the bottled water division of Georgia Crown, and Ashley is a financial analyst at Suntrust Bank in Atlanta (PHOTO).

CHIP LOFTIN '88 and **CATHY ROBERTSON LOFTIN '99** announce the birth of their son, John Thomas "Jack," born on April 10, 2001. Golden Eagle grandparents are **JOHN SCOTT ROBERTSON '66** and the late **JUDY SINGLEY ROBERTSON '89**. (PHOTO).

MICHELLE MCCALLA BONAR '89 and Jeff Bonar of Melbourne, Fla., announce the birth of their son, Jaden Jeffrey, born on May 16, 2001. He is welcomed by big brother Jarrin.

LEAH FRIEND DUKES '89, '92 and Gordon Dukes of Greensboro, Ga., announce the birth of their son, Tucker Davis, born on July 20, 2000. He is welcomed by big brother Major Gordon.

TERRI ADAMS SHELTON '89 and Brad Shelton announce the birth of their son, Michael Alan, born on August 25, 2000. He is welcomed by big sister Lyndsey.

BRIAN E. TROTTER '89 and **MELISSA J. BACH TROTTER '89** of Fairfield, Ohio, announce the birth of their son, Andrew Brian, born on April 3, 2001. (PHOTO).

MAX DRAUGHN '90 and Susan Draughn of Madison announce the birth of their son, Stephen Andrew, born on March 29, 2001. He is welcomed by big brothers Owen and Case.

KATHLEEN GOMBOS GAMIS '90, '93 and Mark Steven Gamis of Clarendon Hills, Ill., announce the birth of their daughter, Haley Ann, born on July 2, 2000.

MICHAEL IAN GRAHAM '90 and **MERIDITH ROXANNE WHITE '92** of Brandon announce the birth of their daughter, Ivy Caroline, born on April 3, 2001. She is welcomed by big brother Connor Ian.

RYAN MCGUFFEE '90 and **ANGIE MAGEE MCGUFFEE '93** of Brandon announce the birth of their son, Ryan Walker, born on April 17, 2001.

TESSIE REED '90 and **GREGORY L. REED '92** of Hattiesburg announce the birth of Darius J. Reed, born on April 9, 2001. Darius is welcomed home by big sisters Mariah and Courtney.

MICHAEL H. ZUBER '90 and **SCARLETT VOGT ZUBER '90** of Ocean Springs announce the birth of their son, Blain Michael, born on March 22, 2001. He is welcomed by big sister Madison Nicole.

PAUL J. DEAN '91, '93, '95 and Cecilia Dean of Converse, Texas, announce the birth of their daughter, Catherine Marina, born on April 25, 2001. She is welcomed by big sisters Erika and Anna. (PHOTO).

BOB PIERCE '91 and **KRISTI MUENCH PIERCE '95, '96** of Hattiesburg announce the birth of their daughter, Sarah Elizabeth, born on April 22, 2001. (PHOTO).

JEFF C. BOWMAN '93 and **CHRISTA BOUNDS BOWMAN '94** of Fort Sill, Okla., announce the birth of their daughter, Molly Catherine, born on April 3, 2001.

STUART CAMERON '93 and **ANDREA CAMERON '94** of Allen, Texas, announce the birth of their daughter, Emma Christine, born on January 4, 2001.

EDDIE VOYNIK '93 and **TAMMY MIDDLETON VOYNIK '92** of Brandon announce the birth of their son, Joseph Edward, born on May 16, 2001. (PHOTO).

ROBYN ARMSTRONG BEAMISH '94 and **CHARLES BEAMISH JR. '97** of Alpharetta, Ga., announce the birth of their son, Charles John Beamish III, born on April 18, 2001. (PHOTO).

JOHN GILBERT '95 and Karen Gilbert of Mandeville, La., announce the birth of their daughter, Camdyn Mackenzie, born on April 6, 2001.

DARRELL WADE TEMPLE '96 and **DIXIE TEMPLE '96** of Taylorsville announce the birth of their son, Tyler Wayne, born on May 3, 2001.

BRANDI D. CHILDRES '98 and Stephen D. Childres of Mt. Olive announce the birth of their daughter, Olivia Jane, born on November 24, 2000. Golden Eagle grandparent is **MONA S. CHILDRES '95**. (PHOTO).

DORTY M. CALDERON '99 and Roman Calderon Jr. of Hattiesburg announce the birth of their daughter, Haley Miret, born on April 20, 2001.

KATIE CLARK PRESLEY '99 and Todd Presley of Moss Point announce the birth of their son, William Clark, born on February 15, 2001. (PHOTO).

JENNIFER BERTUCCI SIMON '99 and **DAVID SIMON '00** of Purvis announce the birth of their daughter, Kathryn Clair, born on April 2, 2001.

IN MEMORIAM

EDITH B. VAN SLYKE '35 of Hattiesburg died March 29, 2001. She was a retired teacher.

AUDREY T. DOWNS '36 of Amory died in July 1999.

JOHN LEE "JAKE" SCOTT '39 of Jackson died April 23, 2001. He was a retired director of Construction and Physical Affairs for the Board of Trustees of the Institutions of Higher Learning. He was a member of the USM Sports Hall of Fame and the Alumni Hall of Fame

MARVIN D. JONES '41 of Keizer, Ore., died June 25, 2000.

GERTRUDE BREAZEALE COOPER '44 of Canton died April 4, 2001.

ALFRED LANE '48 of Greenville died March 13, 2001.

E. J. ROBERTS '49 of Wiggins died April 12, 2001.

JAMES THOMAS MART of Clinton died August 7, 1998.

OBIE E. HAWLEY '51 of Moss Point died April 16, 2001.

JOHN A. HENDERSON '51 of Zwolle, La., died November 13, 2000.

FRANCIS JEFFERSON LUNDY '52 of Jackson died April 22, 2001. Lundy was a legislative consultant and a past president of the Alumni Association.

ALMA JEAN "JEANIE" RAYBORN GRAYSON '54 of Jackson died November 4, 2000.

ROBERT "BOB" O. GARRISON '55 of Raymond died April 15, 2001. He was a retired basketball coach and a member of the USM Sports Hall of Fame.

PHIL VAN BUREN MOBLEY '55 of Murfreesboro, Tenn., died April 21, 2001. He was a retired educator.

NORMAN WITTHAUER '55 of Picayune died December 13, 2000.

MARTHA DARBY SPELL '57 of Arcadia, Ga., has died.

JAMES VAN NORMAN '58 of Biloxi died June 9, 2001

GEORGE HAROLD CARTER '59 of Ellisville died January 2, 2001.

PAULINE NASON JACKSON '59 of Starkville died January 3, 2001. She was a retired schoolteacher.

DONALD C. BREWER '60 of Memphis, Tenn., died January 8, 2000.

JAMES GRAYSON '61 of Mt. Olive died April 5, 2001.

ROBERT "BRAD" HUGHES '60 of Rockledge, Fla., died November 30, 2000.

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DARIENNE WILSON '81

When Gulfport native Darienne Wilson '81 studied speech communication at Southern Miss, she had no idea what career path she would take. Today, as a leader in Mississippi's tourism industry, her speech communication degree has come in handy–almost half of her job is speaking publicly about what Mississippi has to offer.

With 19 years of vast experience in Mississippi's tourism industry, Wilson's credentials garnered the attention of Gov. Ronnie Musgrove, and on March 3, 2000, he appointed her director of Tourism Development, Mississippi Development Authority. Prior to that, Wilson served 10 years as executive director of the Mississippi Tourism Association. Under her leadership, the association grew from a small membership to one of more than 250 members. Additionally, she served as the interim director, marketing director and the first tourism director of the Jackson Convention and Visitors Bureau, and has served as an owner and vice president of Mississippi Association Managers Inc. since 1989.

Wilson credits the 1992 approval of gaming in Mississippi as playing a role in the tremendous growth of the state's tourism industry and improving the quality of its products. Also, following the gaming approval, the state Legislature established a budget to promote the state as a vacation destination. "This helped improve the quality of our product," she said. "With funds, although still limited, to promote the people of Mississippi and what the state offers, tourism has grown by leaps and bounds."

In addition to being named director of Tourism Development, Wilson considers receiving the Mississippi Tourist Association's Tourism Achievement Award of the Decade for 1999 her greatest career accomplishment. Other distinctions include being named one of the 100 meeting planners to watch in 2000 by *ConventionSouth* magazine and one of the 100 Most Powerful Women In Tourism by *Travel Agent Magazine*.

Although Wilson never thought she would be where she is today, she said she is thankful for those who believed in her. "I have been blessed with people who believed I could do better than I thought, from college in Delta Gamma and throughout my career. People have served as cheerleaders in my life and pushed me."

Her job keeps her busy, but she finds time to spend with her daughter, Storey. She also makes time to remain active in the community, including serving on the Industry Advisory Board for Southern Miss' Department of Hospitality Management.

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Warren Elected President of Inter-Alumni Council

Bonnie Purvis Warren '63 was recently elected president of the Inter-Alumni Council. A member of the Alumni Hall of Fame, Warren has served the University and the Alumni Association in various capacities.

She is a past president of the Forrest County Alumni Chapter and recipient of the association's Outstanding Service Award and Continuous Service Award.

Two Awards Given During Alumni Reunion in Reno (PHOTO)

Southern Miss alumni and friends convened recently for a reunion during the National Intramural-Recreational Sports Association's (NIRSA) National Conference in Reno, Nev. During the event, two awards were given. Evelyn Kwan Green, CME, '87 was awarded the Steve "Daddy" Rey Alumnus of the Year Award, which is given in recognition of outstanding achievement in the field of recreation. Dr. Mike Moulton '80, chair of Health and Physical Education at Northwestern State University in Natchitoches, La., was awarded the Tom Shoemaker Alumnus of the Year Award, which is given to a Recreational Sports alumnus/alumna for outstanding contribution in an allied field.

(LEFT TO RIGHT) **BACK ROW:** JAMES WELFORD ('75), MIKE GILES; **MIDDLE ROW:** BRIAN SCHULTZ ('90), TAMRA GARSTKA ('84), JACKIE MOFFETT ('82), KEITH WENRICH ('94), ERIC HUNTER ('78); **FRONT ROW:** SID GONSOULIN (DIRECTOR, SOUTHERN MISS REC. SPORTS), GREG ROTHBERG ('88), EVELYN KWAN GREEN ('92), STEVE REY ('76), BRADLEY PETTY ('96).

Alumnus Acquires 31 Wendy's Outlets in North Carolina

Carlisle Corp. of Memphis recently acquired 31 Wendy's Old Fashioned Hamburger Restaurants in the Winston-Salem, High Point and Greensboro areas of North Carolina for $41 million. Gene Carlisle '64 is chairman, chief executive and owner of the company. Carlisle has developed property, owned hotels and apartments, and has been a Wendy's owner for 25 years.

Alumnus Receives National Award (PHOTO)

Don L. Shields '68 recently received the Rose Jefferson Award from the Office of Thrift Supervision, Department of the U. S. Treasury. The annual national award is presented to a compliance examiner who has demonstrated excellence in the examinations field in complex situations. Shields has been a federal bank examiner for more than 28 years and examines savings and loan associations in 14 Midwestern states. Don resides in Hattiesburg with his wife, Pat '85.

FRED CASTEEL (RIGHT), OFFICE OF THRIFT SUPERVISION MIDWEST REGIONAL DIRECTOR, PRESENTS DON L. SHIELDS '68 WITH THE ROSE JEFFERSON AWARD. THE HONOR IS PRESENTED TO A COMPLIANCE EXAMINER WHO HAS DEMONSTRATED EXCELLENCE IN THE EXAMINATIONS FIELD IN COMPLEX SITUATIONS.

Harrison Elected Secretary of AAPL

The American Association of Petroleum Landmen (AAPL) elected Lawrence J. Harrison Jr., CPL, '72 as its secretary. Harrison is vice president-business development for the Oil & Gas Asset Clearinghouse, a Petroleum Place company. He has been employed as a petroleum landman in various fields, staff and managerial capacities, and has substantial experience in all areas of the oil and gas industries.

In 1982, Harrison and his wife, Catherine, received The University of Southern Mississippi Outstanding Alumni Award.

Ward Named Truck Dealer of the Year

W. A. "Bill" Ward '66 recently received the prestigious 2001 American Truck Dealers/Heavy Duty Trucking Truck Dealer of the Year award. He was selected from 10 nominees for the annual award that recognizes truck dealers for excellence in business practices, industry contributions and community leadership. Ward is the president and owner of Ward International Trucks in Mobile, Ala.

Share the milestones in your life with other Southern Miss alumni. To be a part of the classnotes section of *The Talon*, please fill out this form and mail to:
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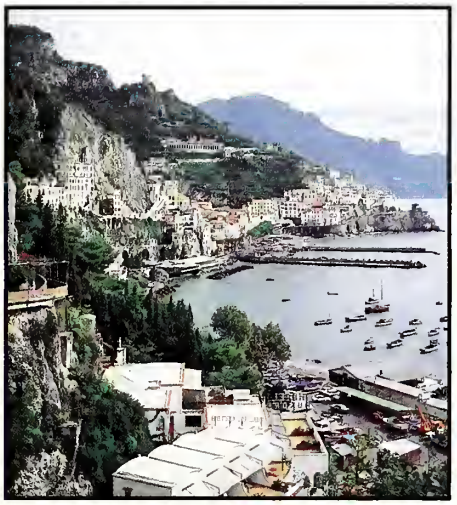

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MARTHA BROADUS TANNER '60 of Moss Point died April 23, 2000. She was a retired teacher.

JAMES W. TURNER '60 of Chatom, Ala., died January 22, 1999.

G. F. BEISEEL '61 of Raymond died June 11, 2001. He was a clinical psychologist.

LORA L. LADNER '61 of Clinton has died.

GEORGE TULLOS '61 of Avon died in October 2000.

JIMMY A. WITHER JR. '61 of Kosciusko died December 29, 1999.

GERALDINE W. ANDREWS '64 of Saucier died December 23, 1997.

MARIAN PRICE ZEMING '64 of Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., has died.

FLURRY B. TURNER '65 has died.

ELIZABETH T. DIXON '66 of Wilmer, Ala., has died.

ROBBIE BLACKBURN DUKES '67 of Brandon died March 5, 2001.

ALBERT J. COMFORT '69 of Brandon died April 2001.

PATRICIA T. HILL '69 of Ocean Springs died January 16, 2001.

LESTER H. REED JR. '69 of West Point died May 11, 2000.

R. GORDON SASSER '69 of Crestview, Fla., died November 28, 1999.

RICHARD FULLER '70 of Birmingham, Ala., has died.

MICHAEL E. GOWEN '71 of Brandon died December 9, 2000.

STANLEY B. LAWHON '72 of Biloxi died in 1991.

DORA RICHEY SHAW '74 of Keo, Ark., has died.

THEODORE MONTGOMERY '75 of Gulfport died January 8, 2001.

FRANCIS FLOYD KIMBALL JR. '76 of Ocean Springs died July 26, 1999.

FRANK WHEAT '77 of Greenwood died April 1, 2001.

ROBERT QUITMAN WHITE '77 of Long Beach died September 11, 2000.

KATHERINE ASALINE H. DAVID '78 has died.

DONALD M. DEARMOND '78 of Quitman died December 11, 2000.

BERTHA S. KING '78 of Natchez died February 19, 2001. She was a retired educator.

FRANK CYCYK '79 of Pascagoula died June 13, 2000.

SARAH MARIE BAIRD '81 of Bay St. Louis has died.

PATRICIA R. HEMPHILL '82 of McComb died in 1992.

TOMMY PATRICK MCHENRY '84 of Gaithersburg, Md., died April 3, 2001.

CLIFFORD MICHAEL BLACK '85 of Oxford died March 24, 1996.

VERNON D. SILLS '86 of Brandon died April 16, 2001. He was a retired state employee, educator and Brigadier General.

SUSAN LEIGH WILLIAMS '90 of New Albany died March 31, 2001.

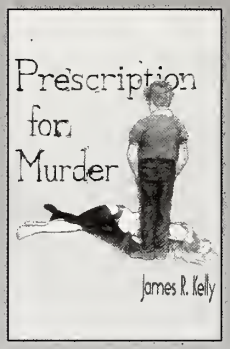
JAMES RANDELL BULLOCK '91 of Laurel has died.

ROBERT J. CAMPBELL '91 of Ocean Springs died November 24, 1999.

OLIVE T. DRENNAN '94 of Springfield, Mo., died September 18, 2000.

JAMES ALLEN WILLIAMS '95 of Ellisville died October 8, 1998.

"Prescription For Murder"
James R. Kelly '90
1st Books Library
304 pages, $12



Gambling, illicit drugs and the "other" woman set the stage for murder in "Prescription for Murder," written by James R. Kelly '90. A pharmacist executes his plan for killing his diabetic wife in a manner that eludes detection for two years. Finally, a paid informant working with law enforcement furnishes agents with information regarding Barbara Thatcher's death. The informant implicates the victim's husband, a well-respected community member in Lorraine, Miss.

A journeyman agent, Tex Cowan, is assigned the cold case and initially thinks he can put the murderer behind bars in weeks. Four years, two trials and three district attorneys later, the case was adjudicated in state court. Go with Tex as he follows dead-end leads, conducts interviews and discovers corruption in the district attorney's office. Be there when Tex puts the cuffs on the murderer. Finally, sit in the courtroom during the murder trial and listen to testimony from prosecution and defense witnesses, then decide innocence or guilt.

Kelly, who majored in criminal justice, served 25 years in law enforcement, retiring from service in 1995. His next book, "Casting Alpha," will be published this year.

"Take Five for Every Occasion"
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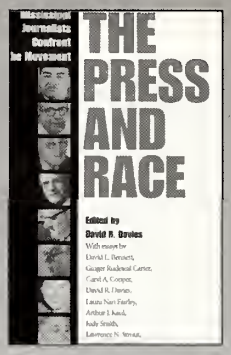
Targeted to students, working parents and busy people, "Take Five for Every Occasion" by Debbye Dabbs '71 is a cookbook for people with little time to spare. The book is the fifth in a series of five-ingredient cookbooks. The 186-plus recipes in the book contain only five ingredients, and many can be made in the microwave. Some of the recipes include "Key Lime Pies by Bob," "Cornish Hens for Two" and "Easy Stuffed Crust Pizza."

In addition to recipes, "Take Five for Every Occasion" offers menu planners and helpful hints that promise to make cooking easy and fun. To purchase "Take Five" or any of Dabbs' other recipe books, write to 1583 East County Line Road, Suite G, Jackson, MS 39211.

"The Press and Race: Mississippi Journalists Confront the Movement"
Dr. David R. Davies '99
University Press of Mississippi
216 pages, $30



A new book edited by Southern Miss associate professor and chair of journalism Dr. David R. Davies '99 looks at how eight Mississippi journalists dealt with what has been called "the region's biggest running story since slavery."

"The Press and Race: Mississippi Journalists Confront the Movement" follows the press in the height of the civil rights movement, from the 1954 Brown v. Board of Education decision to 1965 when Congress passed the Voting Rights Act.

Davies said not much has been written about how the press dealt with the movement. "This book fills a niche and comes at a time when interest in the civil rights movement is high nationally."

Composed of a series of essays about reporters and editors confronting the civil rights movements in their communities, "The Press and Race: Mississippi Journalists Confront the Movement" shows it is much more complex than the "good guys and the bad guys." While Davies said, "It is a book of heroes-and a few villains," it is not a simple story.

Released in May by the University Press of Mississippi, the book is already receiving enthusiastic reviews. Mike Perry, a reviewer with the *Sun Herald*, said "a rousing new book, maybe the best stuff I've read in years ... [the book] showed me once again how much the human spirit can accomplish. It also showed me the depths to which we can sink into meanness, cowardice and destruction–both self-destruction and destruction of the innocent and hopeless."

The journalists and editors featured in the book include: Hodding Carter Jr. of the Greenville *Delta Democrat-Times*, J. Oliver Emmerich of the McComb *Enterprise-Journal*, Percy Greene of the Jackson Advocate, Ira B. Harkey Jr. of the *Pascagoula Chronicle*, George A. McLean of the *Tupelo Journal*, Bill Minor of the New Orleans *Times-Picayune*, Hazel Brannon Smith of the *Lexington Advertiser*, and Jimmy Ward of the *Jackson Daily News*. Their editorial stances ranged from moderate to openly segregationist, Davies said.

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Answers to Trivia Quiz on page 10.

1. How and when did black and gold become the official colors of Southern Miss?

In 1912, at the suggestion of Stella McLaurin of Montrose, Miss., Mississippi Normal College's newly formed Athletic Association adopted black and gold as the school colors. They remain so to this day.

2. Basketball started at Mississippi Normal College on an outdoor court behind Forrest County Hall. Who were some of the powers we played during those early days?

The black and gold competed with such teams as the D'Lo YMCA, the Richton All-Stars, the Chamberlain-Hunt Academy and the Bogalusa Gaylords.

3. Which former president was a champion of Mississippi Southern College attaining university status, saying that becoming a university was "inevitable" for MSC?

President William D. McCain, with the help of the Alumni Association, began to educate the people of Mississippi to the fact that university status was inevitable for MSC. His hard work paid off in 1962, when MSC officially became The University of Southern Mississippi.

4. Who was Southern Miss' first NFL draftee?

After Southern Miss' 1940 season, Joe Stringfellow signed with the Detroit Lions.

5. Why was the 1970 graduation of Walter Washington significant?

Washington was the first African-American student to earn a doctoral degree from a Mississippi institution. Washington later became president of Alcorn State University.

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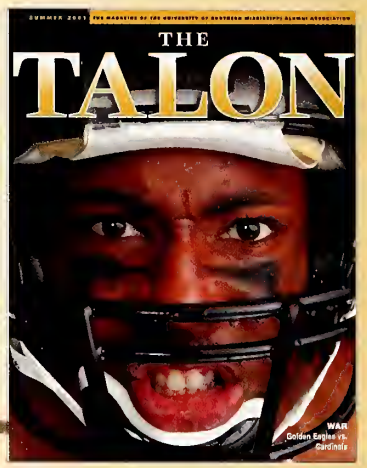

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We would like to know your reactions to the latest issue of *The Talon*. Would you mind filling out the survey below? It will only take a few minutes, and your answers will help us ensure that we're meeting the needs of our readers.

And, as our way of saying thanks for completing the survey, we'll automatically enter you in a drawing for a Southern Miss sweatshirt.

Please fax your completed survey to (601) 266-4214, or mail it to *The Talon* Survey, Box 5013, Hattiesburg, MS 39406. Surveys must be received by October 1, 2001, to be included in the drawing.

1. What did you think of this issue's cover? Please circle all that apply.
   a. It was attractive.
   b. It enticed me to open the magazine.
   c. I was indifferent to it.
   d. It was unappealing.

2. Following is a listing of the feature stories we published in this issue. Please indicate on a scale of 1-4 how interesting you found the stories. (1=very interesting, 2=interesting, 3=no opinion, 4=not interesting)
   _____Joining the Ranks
   _____Making the Grade
   _____'Never Tell Me Never" (Sighting Southern Stars)
   _____The People's Choice (Golden Eagles in Government)
   _____War
   _____When in Rome

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   _____Admissions Update
   _____Alumni Almanac
   _____Alumni Authors
   _____Alumni Profiles
   _____Association News
   _____Athletic News
   _____Calendar of Events
   _____Class Notes
   _____College Report
   _____Eagle Club
   _____Foundation News
   _____From the Archives
   _____Golden Eagle PROfile
   _____News Around Campus
   _____Notes from Home
   _____Southern Miss Memories
   _____Trivia

4. Which section of the magazine do you generally look for first?

   _____

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5. Where do you get the majority of your information about Southern Miss?
   a. Newspaper, radio, television
   b. *The Talon* magazine
   c. Other mailings from Southern Miss
   d. The World Wide Web (if so, what source:_____)
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6. In general, how would you rate the quality of *The Talon* magazine?
   a. Very good
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   c. Fair
   d. Poor
   e. Very poor

7. What story would you like to see in *The Talon*?

   _____

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Thanks again for your feedback about ***The Talon.***
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Southern Miss Head Football Coach Jeff Bower and his wife, Debbie, have been associated with their alma mater for many years. Jeff was the Golden Eagles' starting quarterback and has remained active with the University off and on ever since. He was a graduate assistant, a receivers coach, and an assistant head coach/offensive coordinator and quarterbacks coach. In 1990, Jeff was named head coach.

A former Miss USM (1975) and Miss Mississippi USA (1972), the former Debbie Pawlik was a cheerleader for Southern Miss and a member of Kappa Delta sorority. She graduated with a nursing degree in 1975. She remains active in the Eagle Club as well as a variety of other Southern Miss promotional efforts.

CURRENTLY

During Bower's tenure as head coach, the Golden Eagles have claimed three Conference USA championships, earned Top 25 rankings in four consecutive seasons, and advanced to four consecutive bowl games. Debbie is an executive senior sales director for Mary Kay.

FAMILY

Jeff and Debbie currently reside in Petal with their daughter, Stephanie.

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"Both Debbie and I love this University very much. We've received a quality education from Southern Miss, one that has helped us go on and enjoy many successes. The relationships we have formed with the administration, faculty and friends over the years contribute to the loyalty we have to The University of Southern Mississippi."

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On May 21, 2001, Doug Ervin '88 and Brandi Ervin of Magnolia rejoiced over five miracles as they welcomed into the world their five children–Grace Ann, Amber Nicole, Jacqueline Denise, Taylor Madison, and Michael Cade Braswell. Born at Baptist Medical Center in Jackson, the quintuplets weighed from 2 pounds 1 ounce to 2 pounds 13 ounces. They are the first surviving quintuplets born in Mississippi.

For more news on fellow alumni, see the Class Notes section, which begins on page 39.

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